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On the opposite page you will see the bad and the good sides of our local community and society in general.

The bad, those mindless idiots who want to destroy other peoples' pleasure by setting fire to a community library set up in a former phone box - and the good, all those local people who have rallied to raise funds to have it replaced.

Hopefully the person or those responsible for carrying out this mindless act of arson have been identified and will be brought before the courts and punished.

If not Lymm Life is more than happy to put forward a reward to help catch those responsible.

But rather than focusing on the negative activity let's focus on the positives, how the local community rallied by coming out and raising funds to replace the lending library,

hopefully with a more elaborate traditional red phone box and also taking the time to clear the mess.

These are the kind of people who make our community extra special and as in many cases it is also the minority who spoil things for the majority.

In the coming months we look forward to reporting on some positive outcomes following this mindless act of vandalism.

On another negative note it is also sad to see that demolition work has now started on the historic Lymm Hotel which will be a great loss to the local community.

Let's hope the development which takes its place can become a welcome addition to the local community.

I am still struggling to comprehend how so much will fit on one site but one has to presume that those more qualified than me in planning terms, know exactly what they are doing!

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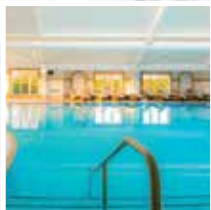
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Vandals destroy community book exchange

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The attack was around 2am on August 13 in Sandy Lane, Lymm.

Firefighters from Lymm fire station used a hosereel jet to tackle the blaze.

Wrecked

The former telephone box – owned by Lymm Parish Council, who purchased it from BT when it was decommissioned – was completely wrecked.

More than 100 books were also burned and left strewn around the box.

Local Cllr Kath Buckley said: "I will be asking the Parish Council to try and replace it – if we can find a suitable replacement.

Mindless

"This is awful and mindless vandalism on an easy target that is well used by the public and cherished by all who use it."

She said the council had informed the police who would be investigating the incident.

The book swap facility celebrated its second birthday in June.

Those who manage it are now

already planning to replace it, hopefully with a traditional red box they had always wanted.

Fund-raising and a clean-up operation started within 24 hours of the blaze, with the appeal fund nearing £1,000.

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The purely mechanical issues are the ones that are likely to result in manipulation, stretching and massage of the joints and soft tissues - which help the body's own healing mechanism. Usually bringing about the relief of pain and an increase in mobility and

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A session can also include the devising of tailor-made exercises such as simple flexes and stretches as well as exercises to strengthen the core. There may well be lifestyle advice on subjects such as diet, working posture and even sleeping position.

Other conditions such as headaches and neuralgia are less likely to involve rigorous treatment and will use other soft tissue techniques that are often extremely gentle and soothing.

Because of Darren's own, personal enthusiasm for sport, (in the past, he has run ultra-marathons, played rugby and participated and coached in judo), he has a particular interest in sports injuries.

However, it may seem surprising that Darren also has a specialist involvement with M.E. or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS). At first, you would be forgiven for thinking that there is a huge disparity between the two areas, but he believes that there can be a striking similarity between them.

"Many patients who come to me with CFS, were, before diagnosis, extremely driven, ambitious and achieving individuals. They often had all the characteristics of sports people, which is why it is often so hard for them to accept the limitations that the condition brings."

Whilst there is no evidence to suggest that Osteopathy is a cure for ME/CFS, many people who use it say that it helps alleviate pain and stress, promotes relaxation and creates an overall feeling of wellbeing.

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CCTV cameras installed at parish church

CCTV cameras have been installed at the historic St Mary's Church, Lymm following a number of attacks by vandals.

Cameras now cover various parts of the church, including the porch where a bench and a decorative white urn were completely destroyed and it is suspected drug-taking has occurred.

The cameras have been provided, free of charge, by Paul Widdrington, managing director of locally based company DSIS Solutions.

Rector, the Rev Beverley Jameson said: "This is a most generous donation and will protect the church in the future."

"St Mary's is immensely grateful to Paul."

Criminal damaged has occurred at the church on various occasions – most notably the destruction of the bench and decorative urn in the porch.

Empty packets were found and

it was suspected drugs were being taken in the porch. This was reported to the police.

There has also been some minor damage to other areas around the church.

The Rector added: "St Mary's has severe financial challenges to maintain the church building and the church hall in the coming years. Although people have generously donated and there is still an intention to have gates to the porch at some point, the funding gap and the requirements to apply for faculty permission means this will not happen for some time.

"Gates only protect the porch but do not help in protecting other parts of the building."

Mr Widdrington said: "I took offence at hoodlums targeting St Mary's and damaging a place of

worship multiple times.

"We have family and friends laid to rest in the church yard which made it feel closer to home. It is sad that a mindless minority can cause these issues anywhere let alone a church. Let's hope the cameras deter any further vandalism".

St Mary's is a Grade 2 Listed building. The present church dates from 1851, but it is the fourth church to have occupied the site.

Reverend Jameson added "I cannot express my thanks and the thanks of everyone at St Mary's highly enough to Paul and everyone at DSIS Solutions for this generous donation. To see our church

damaged and disrespected was very distressing to our congregation and many members of the wider Lymm community. It also goes to show that the wonderful community of Lymm cares and supports one another. We have the appropriate permissions and policies in place and the cameras are operational to record activity around the church. We will have evidence to pass onto the police should any future vandalism occur. However I pray that the presence of CCTV cameras around the church will deter any further damage"



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Lymm Osteopathic Practice would like to introduce their newest team member, osteopath, Wesley Tubb.

Wesley has recently moved back to Cheshire after living in London for the past 12 years and Lymm Osteopathic Practice are delighted to welcome him into the local community.

Wesley's background prior to becoming an osteopath was personal training. Over the years he has developed a vast amount of knowledge and experience within this area and this is something that he will be putting to good use here at the practice. Wesley will be running fitness/movement classes for the more mature clientele as well as pre and post-natal personal training for all the new mums in the community.

Wesley is an experienced osteopath and has completed courses in cranial osteopathy and specialist post-graduation courses in paediatric and childhood health. As such, Wesley will be responsible for the practice's paediatric patients as well as the adult population. He is also a keen golfer and is a qualified Titleist Performance Institute medical professional and has experience treating golf related injuries.

Outside of work life Wesley loves to spend time with his wife, Lisa and their 2 year old (and very rambunctious) son Mason.

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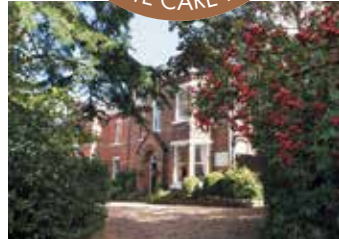


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Twins celebrate at the double as students achieve some exceptional A level results

LYMM High School A Level student twins Joshua and Joel Davies had double cause to celebrate as they both received three A star grades.

Joshua hopes to study Economics and Finance at Bristol University whilst his brother, Joel, will be heading to Leeds University to study Economics and Management.

Meanwhile it was another positive day at Lymm Sixth Form as students secured University places with their results!

There were many truly exceptional individual performances from students. A select few performed especially well, with A* grades in at least three different A level subjects.

Head Girl Jessica Baillie achieved three A stars and will be studying English Literature at Sheffield University.

Thanks to her hard work Mathilde Tavernier also achieved 3 A star grades and has received an offer from Sheffield University to study medicine.

In addition, a number of other students gained at least three A* or A grades.

Brooke Shay achieved three A's and is hoping to go on to study Dentistry.

Headteacher Gwynn Williams said: "There are a lot of smiles here this morning – and quite a few tears of happiness too! It's only 8am but nearly all students have

already had places at universities of their choice confirmed and we are absolutely delighted for them and their parents.

"It is just lovely to see all the hard work of the last couple of years bearing fruit. I want to pay tribute to all the staff who have worked so hard to make this happen, not least our fabulous Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Jennings, and her team. We've become used to excellent A level results over the past few years and today is another positive day; well done to all concerned."



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Villagers keep ancient Lymm Rushbearing Festival alive

VILLAGERS gathered to keep alive the ancient Lymm Rushbearing Festival, as it followed its new route through the Dingle to avoid the expense of road closures.

Organiser Chris Limb had decided to stop the tradition three years ago due to the rising cost of road closures but revived it last year.

Members of the Parish Council, were joined by Lymm Morris, Bollin Morris and Rev Beverley Jameson and members of the public to parade bullrushes through the Dingle to a special service at St Mary's Church.

Lymm Rushbearing was re-born in the early 1970's (having probably died out in the early years of the century, possibly during the First World War) and has been held on the second Sunday in August, although it has over the years been held on other days. For many years in the twentieth century Rushbearing Monday was a local

bank holiday. Ormerod's late Victorian history of Cheshire refers to the festival taking place in many communities on or near to the feast of the parish's patron saint – hence Lymm's tradition of having the festival during the summer holiday period and close to the feast of the Assumption of Saint Mary.

Although the carrying of fresh rushes to church (normally on a horse-drawn cart) was a central feature, and the replacement of the old rushes upon the earthen church floor a very practical necessity in former days, this gathering of locals also involved festivities including not only the procession and Morris dancing but also sports, fairground stalls, and very full public houses!



Handelsbanken retains top spot in CMA business banking survey, one year on

Local relationship bank, Handelsbanken, has retained its top-ranking position in four of the five categories in the Competition and Markets Authority's (CMA) independent service quality survey for business banking. The results were recently published for the third time, one year on from their original publication last August.

Handelsbanken Warrington, one of over 200 branches across the UK, has been operating for a decade in the North & Mid Cheshire area and has recognised the value of long-term relationships with customers in the running of a successful bank.

This has led to the CMA's survey once again naming Handelsbanken best for overall service quality (85%); relationship / account management (89%); SME overdraft and loan services (81%); and services in branches and business centres (78%). Source: BVA BDRC, Aug 2019.

Local branch manager of Handelsbanken Warrington, James Barron, commented: "We are

incredibly proud of the latest survey results, which shows the value our customers place on the quality of our service levels and creating long term relationships".

Mikael Sorensen, UK CEO, added: "We are delighted with the results of the CMA's third service quality survey for business banking and would like to thank our SME customers for rating us the leading bank for overall quality of service, yet again".

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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

As we look forward to Autumn the Parish Council is, as always, seeking to improve Lymm Village for those who live and work there. We are happy to report as a Parish Council that the CCTV cameras have now been installed and will help all concerned to monitor inappropriate activity in the Village Centre. We are sad that this is the case but we hope this provides some reassurance. Unfortunately, the Village has suffered some vandalism and we as a Council are looking to support the local community by replacing the (lending library) telephone box on Sandy Lane which was destroyed by fire.

Can we emphasise again that if residents see incidents in the Village with which they are unhappy, they should take the time to report them to the police. The PCSO's record the timing and the nature of the calls and it helps both the local and regional police to assess the situation for the area. So, if you see or experience an incident let the PCSO's know by calling the number 101. Of course, if it is an incident that you feel needs emergency assistance then ring 999.

The Parish Council has funded the second much needed gate for the May Queen Field which was necessary from a health and safety point of view. It will only be used twice a year for the May Queen and Transport Day. The gate allows better access for disabled people and enables quicker and easier departure arrangements.

Flooding is now a matter that the Parish has to respond to and the Council is in discussion with Warrington Borough Council and the Environment agency to try and address the issues.

The summer events starting with the Duck Race, followed by Lymm May Queen, Lymm Festival followed by Transport Day – once more a great success for the Village and many thanks to all the volunteers who give up their time and energy to make them happen. we are very fortunate in Lymm to have such an abundance of community spirit – long may it continue!

Speeding is still an issue in the Village and a second speed indicating device has been purchased and the Parish Council is also looking at other ideas to combat the matter. The Council is also looking into the provision of yellow lines especially at the mini roundabout on Eagle Brow and in the centre of the Village, in the centre of the Village and on Whitbarrow Road down to the junction with Statham Avenue. Inconsiderate parking is causing dangerous situations on these roads at the moment and we feel that action is needed before a really serious accident occurs.

Finally, good luck and fingers crossed for Lymm in Bloom - we hope they get gold once more!

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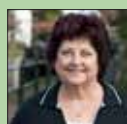
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Lymm duo qualify as top search dog team

LYMM-based duo Iain Rothwell and Seach Dog Isla have passed their upgrade assessment to qualify as a fully graded National Search and Rescue Association Search Dog Team.

Iain and Isla volunteer with the Cheshire Search and Rescue Team who are called upon by Cheshire Police and other emergency services to search for missing vulnerable people.

The tough assessments were carried out on Cannock Chase in Staffordshire with assessors from SARDA Wales and NSARDA

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Fury – as work starts on demolition of Lymm Hotel

WORK has started on the demolition of the historic Lymm Hotel – to the fury of local people who campaigned to save the building.

To rub salt in the wounds, contractors arrived unannounced early in the morning – and hotel advertising boards bearing the words “Let’s celebrate” were left standing.

Local resident Alan Williams said: “It might have been tactful to remove the ‘Let’s celebrate’ signs first.

“Trees started coming down at

8am – no warning, no notice to neighbours.

“It’s going to be painful over the coming weeks to watch this important part of Lymm’s history being ripped apart.”

Borough and parish councillor Ian Marks said: “It’s a very sad day now that the demolition has actually started and local people are very angry.

“It was a disgraceful planning decision by the borough council and as a result an important part of Lymm’s history will be destroyed.

“No notice that work was about to start was given to neighbours.

“We will have to keep a watchful eye on the demolition work because the hotel is on a dangerous stretch of road, near to the very bad bend near the entrance to the golf club.

“This road is already hazardous and will become even more so when the hotel site is redeveloped...

“We must keep a close eye on what is happening on the site, particularly in respect of the felling of trees.

“We don’t want to see protected trees being felled because once they have gone, they had gone for good.”

It was in December that Warrington Borough Council’s development management committee controversially gave permission to remove all the buildings on the hotel site and replace them with a children’s nursery, a residential care home and retirement-with-care apartments.

This came after a lengthy campaign by residents and local councillors to retain the hotel, a building steeped in local history which once hosted the Brazilian World Cup football team, including the legendary Pele, and also a number of England and overseas cricket teams.



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Lymm Village Hall – a venue for celebrations

LYMM Village Hall has had a “refresh” - and the parish council is keen to showcase it as a venue for weddings and other celebrations.

On Saturday September 14, the hall in Pepper Street will open its doors to anyone planning a special event.

There will be a myriad of stalls including local party and leisure businesses, cake suppliers, venue stylists, paper goods and caterers.

Everyone is welcome and the hall will be open from 11am to 3pm.

There will be entertainment and refreshments so it will be perfect occasion to see what Lymm Village Hall can offer.

Weddings, milestone birthdays, anniversaries, any sort of celebratory event, evening parties or lunches for close friends.

The local businesses that could make any event something special will be there.

Parish council staff will also be on hand to answer questions about

hiring the hall.

Anyone who would like more information on how to represent a business at this event should get in

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Rugby club helps raise £17,000 in call out for 'Coxy'



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LYMM Rugby club has helped raise more than £17,000 for a former player who tragically died from a rare form of cancer.

Dad-of-two Adam Cox had been battling with sarcoma around his spine and sadly died just before a fund-raising game being organised at the club.

Affectionately known as Beefy, the 37-year-old was a stalwart of the club – the former prop having first joined its junior section around 30 years ago.

The idea for a fund raising match came from a beach conversation in Abersoch between Guy Larkin and Chris Kinsey.

Chris explained: "Such was the respect and support for Adam, once it had been proposed on social media we had over 25 players committed within 24 hours.

"Police Officer and ex Lymm player Mark Berry, mentioned that the police may want to be involved. Within a week a date and fixture had been arranged.

"Dave Strettle provided some outstanding rugby related prizes for the auction along with Chris Naylor and other generous contributors. Stuart Wraith, John Millington, Adam Fletcher and Rob Griffiths all helped with the logistics of the event and auction. Sadly, Adam passed away before the match could take place but Steph and the family wanted it to take place in his memory.

A large crowd assembled and over 50 players took to the pitch, on what was an emotional evening for all involved. Once the whistle blew after a truly warming and incredibly moving minute's applause, players did not hold back. It soon became evident that, although many of the Lymm players bore a few more wrinkles and grey hairs, and may have moved up a couple of inches in waist size, they had lost none of their guile, tenacity or zeal to play an entertaining brand of rugby. Adam may have been disappointed that

there weren't more set plays and scrums!!

With Kinsey and Fletcher dictating the direction of play and strong runs from Lymm's forwards, particularly Oakes, Williams and Darbyshire, it wasn't long before Lymm were a handful of tries ahead. Prominent yardage gains from further forays into police territory set the foundation for some dazzling work from Lymm's backs, notably Dave Williamson and Danny Naylor. Evergreen, Martin Bower, now at least 63, continued to demonstrate his surging powerful runs. He even managed to tackle his own fly-half, Fletcher, as the Lymm coach slid in to finish another fine Lymm move. Much to what would have been to Adam's disapproval, Lymm continued to play an expansive game. Rotated half backs Martin Henderson and Andy Roberts continued to pull the strings and drive both backs and forwards to further scores.

Merseyside Police play in the North West Intermediate, Halbro Leagues and play their matches at the Police Sports & Social Association Club at Riversdale in Aigburth, Liverpool. Despite the momentum created by Lymm, the Police XV continued to battle valiantly and drove into Lymm territory effectively on a number of occasions, only to be denied after multiple phases by a resolute Lymm defence or a misplaced pass.

With numerous rotations for both teams, the game never lost its shape and a healthy crowd was entertained over the two 30 minute halves. As players tired and the light faded, more gaps appeared in both defences. Despite the rousing team talk from Skipper Tim Oakes, the Police got on the scoreboard after a loose ball was hacked forward and touched down over the try line. Lymm responded

with some hard work at the chalk face by Girdlestone, Brown, Norcott and Sutton, and further tries were secured after particularly impressive ball carrying from returning Lymm players Mike Swetman and Matt Rockey.

The referee, Mr Edward Barlow, allowed the game to flow freely and ensured a safe and enjoyable game. A big thank you for his time and effort on the evening.

Lymm ran out resounding winners but the score line was a minor detail. Regardless of which team players represented, the end of the match saw Adam's team mates, police colleagues, friends and family come together to remember him with some short speeches and

anecdotes of Adam's career and character by Club Chairman John Cartwright; Chief Constable of Merseyside Police, Andy Cooke and ex-Lymm coach Chris Kinsey. Spectators and players returned to the clubhouse to take part in a charity auction and to raise a glass in Adam's memory.

Chris added: "To date, including money raised from the just-giving page, the charity auction and the match in Adam's memory, the total has comfortably surpassed £17,000 in a short number of weeks. This is testament to the respect and love for a great man. Adam's funeral took place at St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall on Thursday, August 29.





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It was a great day for children as well with face-painting, mud-kitchens, forest fun, watching tadpoles and climbing trees. Children were also able to plant potatoes, courgettes, peas and wild flowers as well as observe some of the bird nests in the garden. The vegetables will later be harvested and eaten by children at the nursery.

Everyone enjoyed the day, with many older visitors commenting on how they remembered their children or grandchildren coming to The Rosebank Centre and Naturegarten over the years.

Later this year Rosebank Naturegarten will be celebrating its 10th year since opening in 2009.

The Rosebank Centre now caters for children from three months to three years while Rosebank Naturegarten provides nursery education and care for 3-5 year olds and a before/after-school club for children at Ravenbank School.



Housing plan rejected a second time

BOROUGH planning chiefs have refused permission for two houses in Pool Lane, Lymm – despite officers recommending the scheme be approved.

Lymm Parish Council and 15 nearby residents had objected to the proposals.

The scheme, submitted by Living Smart Properties Ltd, was a re-submission of one which was refused permission in April because of the risk of flooding. It had been revised so that all habitable living accommodation would be higher with a garage and entrance hall at ground floor level, living accommodation at first floor level and bedrooms on the second floor.

But the parish council argued that three-storey properties would be out of character with the area, that the lowest floor would be below ground level and at risk of flooding.

The site would be over-developed and there would be insufficient parking for the size of property.

Neighbours said the proposed development was seriously out of character with existing properties, the houses would be significantly higher than those in adjacent Brookside Avenue, the site would be over-developed and there would be an increased flood risk to existing dwellings.



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Lymm youngsters celebrate school's best ever GCSE results

YOUNGSTERS at Lymm High School are celebrating the school's best ever year for GCSE results.

Student Grace Cooke achieved eight 9s, one 8 and an A*, Hannah Maudsley-Barton got six 9s, three 8s and an A*, Hannah Coy received three 9s, two 8s, two 7s, two 6s and an A. She will be staying at Lymm for sixth form to study maths, biology and chemistry.

Elliot Haskins also celebrated a fantastic set of results, achieving eight 9s, one 7 and an A*

Headteacher of Lymm High School, Gwyn Williams, said: "We usually try not to get too carried away with ourselves, but that's proving quite difficult today; these are the best results the school has ever had, by some distance."

"Over 89% of students have got grades 9-4 in English and Maths (the traditional A*-C measure) and 70% have picked up 9-5 grades in both. At the very top end, over 30% gained 9-7 (the old A*-A grades) in at least five different subjects and around a quarter of students scored

at least one top grade 9. We're still waiting for confirmation on progress measures but expect these to be superb as well.

"What feels particular satisfying

is that these results were not unexpected; they are in line with predictions and build on the rapid improvements of the past few years. A lot of hard work from a lot of people sits behind them.

"I cannot praise the students or staff highly enough for the way

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Lymm residents join Extinction Rebellion protest

ENVIRONMENTAL campaigners from Lymm joined hundreds of climate change activists in central Manchester, shutting down Deansgate and blocking several roads into the city centre.

Activists blocked the roads from 7.30am on Friday August 30 and gathered as part of the Northern Rebellion, organised by climate change group Extinction Rebellion.

Deansgate, a main route through Manchester, which has some of the worst air pollution in the city, was turned into a car free zone by the protest. One of the boats seen in the

protests which caused disruption in London earlier this year was also parked in the city centre.

The Extinction Rebellion group also ran workshops, family activities, talks and hosting music acts on a main stage as part of weekend of peaceful protest.

Manchester city council has declared a climate change

emergency but has been criticised by environmental groups for continuing to press ahead with expansion plans for Manchester Airport and granting planning permission for a large carpark next to a school in an area of high air pollution in the city centre.

Jen Murphy, a mum from Lymm said: "I genuinely feel like I have been left with no option but to protest - this is the first protest like this that I've been to. We're in a climate emergency and politicians are simply not doing enough. The atmosphere in Manchester was very positive and we had lots of support from people who were taking leaflets and stopping to talk to us."

Another Lymm resident Zoe Cohen, said: "Decades of polite campaigning haven't worked - we are in climate breakdown and the 6th mass extinction is underway. The United Nations, Prince Charles and David Attenborough, amongst many others, all agree humankind is facing existential threat. This is not an 'environmental' issue, this is about the real potential for social and economic collapse within our lifetime. The seriousness and urgency demands peaceful direct action and non violent civil disobedience to achieve the widespread system changes that are needed."



School fence

PLANNING chiefs have given the go-ahead for a 2.4m high mesh security fence to be erected at the front of Ravenbank Primary School, in Pepper Street, Lymm.

It is proposed the fence shall be dark green in colour and officers say it will not have any detrimental impact on the street scene.



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Tennis club appoints new head coach

LYMM Lawn Tennis Club has appointed a new head coach – Allan Morton, who has moved from Alderley Edge Tennis Club where he was assistant head of coaching.

Allan is an LTA qualified tennis coach, nearing completion of the LTA Level Five Master Club Coach Award.

He is also the Cheshire U11 Boys County Captain.

Allan has 16 years coaching experience, holding varying positions in tennis from senior professional at the prestigious Hurlingham Club in Fulham, head coach at David Lloyd Beckenham and director of tennis for Tennis England.

He has vast experience working with players of all levels and abilities, and has specifically developed his club tennis skill set.

The club has just launched a new tennis coaching programme, offering more than 45 new classes weekly for club members and the local community to enjoy playing tennis all year round.

The sessions vary from schools, mini, junior, adult beginner to advanced and team and cardio tennis.

The club has nine all weather, four grass courts, seven floodlit tennis courts and a croquet lawn.

New members are always welcome and non-members can

also join the new programme.

To kick off the new coaching programme, a free festival of tennis takes place from September 23.



Howzat for a day out at Lymm!

LYMM Oughtrington Park Cricket Club's annual open day will be on Sunday, September 8.

In addition to the usual "Kids v Parents" match at 11am, there will be a "Past Legends v Future Legends" game at 1pm.

A bouncy castle will be there to entertain the younger children.

Burgers and hotdogs will be on sale from 12 noon and later visitors will be able to buy an Afternoon Tea picnic box for £10, with tea, sandwiches, quiche, pork pie, scone and cake.

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Obituaries

Paul Cooper



THE funeral took place on Thursday, August 22nd at Altrincham Crematorium of Paul Cooper, aged 81, of The Cross, Lymm, who died of cancer at St Rocco's Hospice on August 9th.

For many years, Mr Cooper used to organise concerts in the Lymm area.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.

Gareth Charles Wright

THE funeral took place at St Peter's Church, Oughtrington, on August 8 of Gareth Charles Wright, aged 64, of Adey Road, Lymm, who died in Warrington Hospital on July 23 after a long battle with cancer.

Committal followed at Altrincham Crematorium. Gareth lived in Lymm all his life and had a varied career, having served his apprenticeship as a plumber, diversifying later to IT Services.

A devoted family man, he is survived by his beloved wife, Claire and his much-loved children, Rachel and Daniel.

Donations in his memory will be gratefully accepted to Lymm Heritage Centre and Lymm Festivities Group, c/o the funeral directors John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.

Michael Linley



THE funeral took place at Altrincham Crematorium on July 31 of Michael Linley, who died on July 12, aged 54, after a short illness.

Michael, who was born in Lymm and lived there all his life, led a full life, enjoying motor sports, particularly stock car racing and formula Ford single seaters.

He had many friends in and around Lymm and left an impression on everyone he met. He will be missed by all his family, especially Janet his sister in law and her family who dedicated much of their lives to him.

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