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**CONGRATULATIONS to everyone at Lymm Rugby Club on the introduction of their new 3G all weather pitch at their Crouchley Lane ground which is a huge asset to the local community.**

Having reported on many of the fund-raising activities over many years I have seen first hand how much hard work has been done to deliver this exciting project to the local community.

It is all part of an ongoing development plan for a club which has come on leaps and bounds in recent years.

Everyone involved should be rightly proud of what they have achieved.

With Lymm High School also securing £500,000 funding towards a new 3G facility, the area is certainly going to be blessed with great facilities to help enhance sporting achievement in the area.

It would be great now if we

could see some serious investment from the local authority in the south of the borough to complement these facilities!

Meanwhile as you are reading this we will be in the midst of a General Election battle, the first one in the month of December for almost a century.

As always I would say use your vote wisely and vote for the person you feel best able to represent our community in the corridors of power.

Whoever is the victor we will do our best to work with them in a positive way addressing the issues we face in our local communities.

I realise some people may have felt let down by the democratic

process in recent times but don't let this turn into apathy - if you do, you can't complain about the outcome.

Let's just hope the uncertain future we have been facing for the past three years is put to bed soon, one way or the other!

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# Alley Cats who really can sing!

THE Alley Cats Escape choir - a new choir in Lymm formed to enable people to "escape" through music - performed before an audience for the first time at The Limes retirement apartments.

Led by founder Helen Elliott, the choir received an enthusiastic welcome from residents.

The only time the choir had performed in public previously was at The Cross, in July, for the benefit of passers by.

The choir rehearses on Wednesday mornings in the Village Hall in Pepper Street and is for adults - aged 16-plus - who find singing an escape.

There are no auditions, no previous experience is needed and there is no need to be able to read music.

Helen can be contacted on 07935 704648.



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

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

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

**MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP**  
Meet each Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm  
Oughtrington Community Centre, Lymm  
Details: 01925 755126

**ROTARY CLUB OF LYMM**  
Every Wednesday at Statham Lodge Hotel  
7.15pm for 7.30pm  
Contact the secretary 01925 650189

**LOVING HEARTS & HANDS**  
Knitting for charity at Lymm Methodist Church,  
2nd and 4th Thursday each month,  
1.30pm - 3pm. Details: 01925 753298

**MARKET LUNCHES**  
Eagle Brow Methodist Church  
3rd Thursday in the month  
Light lunches 12 noon till 2pm. All proceeds to  
Youth For Christ and YMCA Room at The Inn

**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  
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**LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**  
Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday  
(ex July & Aug), 7.30pm  
Spread Eagle pub, Eagle Brow.  
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**LYMM WINE AND BEER CIRCLE**  
3rd Wednesday of the month, 8pm  
The Spread Eagle Hotel  
Details: 01925 756444

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


**LYMM WI**  
Every second Wednesday, 2-4pm at Lymm  
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welcome.

**LYMM BOOK CLUB**  
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**Next meeting  
December 10, 7.30pm  
at Lymm Village Hall**

# Community support now available at Lymm Sanctuary Hub



**THE new Lymm Sanctuary Hub, based in the Lymm Library Annexe, provides a range of valuable community services to local people, including those with additional needs, the young, elderly and vulnerable.**

Current or planned activities include:

- Affordable counselling for individuals and couples;
- Alpha course - a place to discuss the big questions of life, faith and meaning over food and a short DVD;
- Debt advice and financial life skills from CAP (Christians Against Poverty), an organisation commended by Money Saving Expert;
- Energy costs - free and impartial advice on reducing energy bills and energy efficiency;
- Marriage course - an 8-week course to help couples build stronger relationships;
- Memory Café - a welcoming, safe place for sufferers of memory loss, their family members or carers, supported by Asda Community fund;
- Positive Parenting - a 6-week course for parents of primary-aged children;
- TasteLife - an 8-week course for eating disorder sufferers and their families plus those wishing to manage food more healthily;

Other community activities include baby & toddler groups, book clubs, craft groups, first aid, fitness & well-being events, IT and photography courses, midwifery/health visitor services, TEFL classes, tutoring and youth groups. Onsite catering is also offered to users of the Hub by the Sanctuary Café next door.

Lymm Sanctuary Hub is also the

overseeing charity of Lymm Business Centre also based in the Annexe which provides affordable office space and hot-desking, event and meeting room space, and business support services. For centre information, email [officemanager@lymmbusinesscentre.co.uk](mailto:officemanager@lymmbusinesscentre.co.uk) or call 01925 737950.

November will see further activities by the Memory Café and another CAP Money Course.

Alison Summersfield, Memory Café coordinator, says: "We meet every other Thursday from 1-3pm in the Community Room. Join us on November 21 where you will receive a warm welcome from our volunteers, refreshments, and a range of activities."

Reviewing the last CAP Money Course, one attendee said: "I'm very proud that I've taken vital steps towards gaining control of my banking and finances". The next course starts on November 19 at 7:30 pm in the Community Room for three consecutive Tuesday evenings.

The Hub welcomes enquiries from local people looking to deliver an event or activity and with ideas for future projects. It also needs more volunteers to help with general admin duties and specific community programme delivery.

For more information about community programmes and volunteering opportunities, email [admin@lymmsanctuaryhub.co.uk](mailto:admin@lymmsanctuaryhub.co.uk) or call 07748 309334.

## Green belt house plan turned down

PLANS for a part two-storey dwelling at Cherry Lane Barn, Cherry Lane, Lymm, have been turned down by borough council planners.

Lymm Parish Council did not oppose the scheme but the borough council said the proposal would be an inappropriate development harmful to the Green Belt. They also said the scheme would have a significant impact on the openness of the Green Belt.

The proposed detached garage would, because of its size and prominent location represent an intrusive element on the street scene to the detriment of the visual amenity of the area.

Currently vacant, the site lies between the existing Cherry Lane barn conversions and modern housing off Lady Acre Close and Hunts Field Close.

Local borough councillors raised no objections but there was one objection from a neighbour, who believed the scheme represented overdevelopment. Another supported the scheme on the grounds it would improve an overgrown piece of wasteland.

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# Christmas comes early for family who return to home devastated by fire

CHRISTMAS has come early for a Lymm family who saw their home almost destroyed in a devastating fire two years ago.

On the morning of Saturday 25th November 2017 the Taylor family experienced a devastating house fire which destroyed the roof and first floor of the property leaving the house inhabitable.

But now almost two years on, thanks to local builder Carl Palmer and a team of appointed specialists in fire restoration the family are back in their home in time for Christmas.

The family had been left devastated by a blaze which ripped through their home in Lymmhay Lane off Danebank Road during the early hours of a Saturday morning.

More than 30 firefighters were involved in tackling the blaze.

Pete Taylor who lives at the property in Lymm with his wife Kirsty and their three children said: "Following a lengthy tender process Urban were awarded the contract to reinstate the property.

"Carl Palmer and his team appointed specialists in fire restoration from all over the country to collaborate reports which helped in the rebuild so that every inch was checked.

"As the owners we were delighted with Urban's management informing throughout the rebuild.

"The finished result is fantastic, due to the materials and workmanship involved.

"The whole project took almost two years to complete and we are extremely grateful to Carl Palmer for making this happen."

Carl said: "The project was different for us as we had to liaise with Loss Adjustors and Insurance Companies to ensure that the client received the best restoration project

we had set out for them. I am happy at the end result and glad that the Taylor family can have a great Christmas at home this year."





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# Su's special day at the Castle

IT WAS a very special day for Lymm resident Su Williams on October 25 when, accompanied by her family, she headed for Windsor Castle to be presented with her MBE by Her Majesty the Queen.


The award was for services to the community in Lymm over the past twenty-five years since Su moved to the village with husband Alan and daughter Eve.

"I confess I had been a little anxious about it" said Su, "but on the day everyone worked so



hard to make us feel welcome and relaxed.

"The setting was magnificent and the Queen was remarkable. She stood for nearly an hour and chatted briefly to each of the sixty recipients.

"I am so grateful not only to the people who nominated me but to all of the people who have worked with me on the many projects I have been involved in. They can all only succeed because of team effort."

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# Care home shortlisted for top award

KEATE House Residential Care Home, Lymm, has been shortlisted for a prestigious national award.

The Caring UK Awards are now in their third year and the home has beaten off competition from thousands of others across the UK to be shortlisted in the Community Involvement awards.

This annual event recognises excellence and achievement in care homes throughout the country with shortlisted facilities being as far north as Ballachulish in northern Scotland and as far south as Devon.

The awards are organised by Script Events in conjunction with leading care industry magazine Caring UK, with support from headline sponsor Clydesdale and Yorkshire Bank, and in each category up to seven finalists have

been selected, who will now go through to the next stage of the judging process where they will be out to impress by showcasing first hand the great work going on in their homes.

This stage involves a visit to each finalist by a member of the awards team who will take a look around the facilities and chat to residents and staff before compiling a comprehensive report, which will then be passed on to an expert judging panel to decide the worthy winners.

Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on November 15 at The Athena in Leicester.

Keate House care manager Diane Clarkson said: "It is a great honour to be shortlisted for this award. This represents the hard work and dedication of our team to ensure the residents of Keate House are an integral part of the community of Lymm and in return Keate House gives back to our community by supporting and participating in local events".



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# Rotary club Christmas float schedule

LYMM Rotary Club are gearing up for the annual visit by Father Christmas to children (and adults) in Thelwall & Lymm with their annual float collection which has been running for 60 years.

Starting on Monday, December 2, the Club and helpers from many community based organisations in Lymm will bring light and Christmas music to numerous streets in the district.

Father Christmas will be hoping to talk to many children over the twelve nights and monies raised by the house to house collections will be donated to the many organisations which assist the club,

other local good causes and some charities abRd.

Following consultations after last year's experience, the Club has decided to start collections at 5.30pm to give added time to get round all the streets on the planned schedule.

**Sun 1st Dec:** Abbey Leys - No Volunteer Groups required. 10 am to 12 noon.

**Mon 2nd Dec:** Thelwall (1) - Assemble: All Saints Dr (Off A56) - note - revised route 2019

Woodlands Dr.(Lymm side), Gateley Clse, Woodlands Dr, Straight across and then Pickering

Cre, Stanton Rd, Moore Av, All Saints Dr, Parry Dr, All Saints Dr to bottom, turn left on to Thelwall New Rd, 2nd right to Handforth Clse, Prestbury Dr, Alderley Rd, Mobberley Clse, across Thelwall New Rd, Stanton Rd, Beech Avenue, Selworthy Dr, Stanton Rd to top, right to Wilson Clse, & return via Woodlands Dr to All Saints Dr (Start).

**Tues 3rd Dec:** Thelwall (2) - Assemble: Quays Community Centre, 233 Thelwall New Rd: WA4 2XT - note: Not collecting on Thelwall New Rd outward - revised route 2019. Thelwall New Rd, Bradshaw La, Ollerton Clse, Bradshaw Lane, via Thelwall New Rd to Woodford Clse & Ferryside, turn right on to Buntingford Rd, left on to Pelham Rd, Welwyn Clo, Harlow Clo, Walden Clo., Barley Rd, Dunmow Rd, Watton Clse, left on to Pelham Rd, Baldock Clse, back via Pelham Rd, left on to Buntingford Rd, left on to Thelwall New Rd, Richmond Av, Ashley Clo, Mottram Clo, Thelwall New Rd, back to Start at Quays.

**Wed 4th Dec:** No Route.

**Thurs 5th Dec:** Booths Hill (A) - Assemble: Elm Tree Rd - note - revised route 2019. Elm Tree Rd, Oaklands Dr, Parkwood Clo, Wayside Clo, Elm Tree Rd, Elm Tree Av, Elm Tree Rd, Cherry Lane (upper), Lady Acre Clo, Huntsfield Clse, Booths Ln., Highfield Rd, Highfield Dr, Highfield Rd, Hilltop Rd, Highfield Rd (top to Hardy Rd), Hardy Rd, return to Elm Tree Rd.

**Fri 6th Dec:** Booths Hill (B) - Assemble: CO-OP store Cherry Lane - Cherry La (lower), Cherry Tree Av, Old Smithy La, Wychwood Av, Heyes Dr, Egerton Rd, Lyme Gro, via Hardy Rd to Highfield Rd (lower), Barsbank La, Daisy Bank Rd, Oak Rd, Hawthorn Rd, Ridgeway Gdns, Grove Av, Newfield Rd, The Anchorage, return to Co-Op.

**Sat 7th Dec:** Sainsbury's Warrington. 10 to 12: 12 to 2: 2 to 4.

**Sun 8th Dec:** Sainsbury's Warrington. 10 to 12 : 12 to 2: 2 to 4.

**Mon 9th Dec:** Oughtrington Lane/Sandy Lane - Assemble: Stage Lane (near Church Hall) - Note: Oughtrington Crescent beyond Sandy Ln removed; minor route changes. Stage La, The Paddock, Crown Grn, Whitebroom, Sandy Lane, Hopefield Rd, Ashcroft Rd, Woodbine Rd, Sandy Lane, Bridge Meadow, Sandy Lane, Birchfield Rd, Cedarfield Rd, Ashfield Clse, Sandy La, Rushgreen Rd (from Sandy Lane to Howard Avenue), Howard Av, Heatley Clo, Lodge Cl, miss Richmond Dr & Richmond Clse, Oughtrington Vw, Church Vw, Moss Grove, return to Richmond Dr & Richmond Clse, turn right up Sandy Lane to return to start.

**Tues 10th Dec:** Rushgreen (A) - Assemble: Ruses Meadow (opposite Heatley Co-Op Store) - Note: Bucklow Gdns moved to Rushgreen B route 2019. Ruses Meadow, Chaise Meadow, Farcroft Rd, Chaise Meadow, Millington Gdns, Longcroft Place, School Dr, Reddish Lane, Springfield Ave, Moore Grove, Reddish Lane, Springfield Gds, Rushgreen Rd., Green Vw, Adey Rd, return to start.

**Wed 11th Dec:** No Route.

**Thurs 12th Dec:** Rushgreen (B) - Assemble: Bucklow Gdns - note - revised clockwise circular route 2019. Bucklow Gdns, Rushgreen Rd (Westwards), The Greenacres, Rushgreen Rd, Dyers Lane, Rushgreen Rd, Rush Gdns, Mardale Cres, Langdale Avenue, Thirlmere Dr, Dairy Farm Clse, Grasmere Rd, via Rushgreen Rd (Eastwards), Reddish Cres, Linden Clo, Reddish Cres, Bollin Dr, Bollin Cl, Bollin Dr, St Peter's Cl. Warburton Cl, Whitefield Gro, Whitefield Clo, return to start at Bucklow Gdns.

**Fri 13th Dec:** Statham 1 - Assemble: Statham Avenue (outside Lymm Hotel site) - note - revised route 2019 - missing Pool Lane, etc. but adding Whitbarrow Rd - to start. Statham Av, Statham Clo, Statham Avenue, Statham Dr, Lymington Av, Star La, Whitbarrow Rd to Statham Ave (Start).

**Sat 14th Dec:** Sainsbury's Rush Green Rd - 8 am to 12 noon - Then to Lymm Hotel Site for 1.30pm start of Dickensian Day procession - Unless Procession route altered.

**Sun 15th Dec:** Sainsbury's Warrington. 10 to 12: 12 to 2: 2 to 4.

**Mon 16th Dec:** Statham 2 - Assemble: Albany Rd (near Star Inn) - Albany Rd, Albany Gro, Albany Rd, Albany Cres, Albany Rd, Sycamore, Northway, Albany Rd, Whitesands Rd, The Farthings, West Heath Gro, Jubilee Gro, Turnbury Cl, turn right on to Star Lane to finish opposite Star Inn/Albany Rd - i.e. back to start.

**Tues 17th Dec:** Higher Lane (1) - Assemble: Crouchley Lane (outside Wright House) - Note: Not collecting on Higher Lane outward - Collect on return along Higher Lane. Crouchley La, Manor Rd (top), Manor Rd (bottom), via Higher La (not collecting) to The Crescent, Greenwood Rd, Mayfield Vw, The Hatchings, via Higher La to Grammar School Rd., Scholars Green, Scholars Grn, Limefield Av., Scholars Green, Churchwood View, Grammar School Rd, Higher Lane back to start.

**Wed 18th Dec:** No Route. - Spare Evening for possible Postponed Routes

**Thurs 19th Dec:** Higher Lane (2) - Assemble: Woodlands Av (off A56) - Woodlands Ave, Woodlands Dr, Longbutt La, Newarth Dr, White Clover Square, Clanbrook Avenue, Welcroft Gdns, White Clover Square, Marlfield Avenue, Longbutt Lane, Oughtrington La, Foxley Cl, Higher La, Bellfield Clo, return to Woodland Ave.

**Fri 20th Dec:** Village - Assemble: Danebank Rd East (near junction with New Rd) - note - circular route 2019. Danebank Rd East, lymmHay Lane, Yew Tree Clse, Brooklyn Dr, Willow Clse, Dane Bank Rd, Millbank, The Cross, Pepper St, Domville Clse, Grove Rise, Rose Bank, Hartley Cl, Quayside Mews, Crossfield Av, Fairfield Rd, Orchard Av, Racefield Clse, Cyril Bell Cl. (not sheltered accom. on LHS), Pepper Street, The Peppers, Rectory La, Rectory Gds, Rectory Lane, New Rd back to start.

**Sat 21st Dec:** Sainsbury's Warrington. 10 to 12: 12 to 2: 2 to 4.

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# All set for Lymm Dickensian Day

THE traditional Lymm Dickensian Christmas Festival takes place on Saturday, December 14.

First started in 1985, the annual event continues to be a great success for the local community attracting new stalls and entertainment each year.

The Village centre will be closed to traffic from 8am to allow the various stalls to set up, and the day will commence with activities in the village at 11am.

In addition to the stalls there will be entertainment throughout the day provided by the local schools, choirs, dramatic groups, and street entertainers.

The parade is scheduled to start with the annual Lymm Runners

Santa Dash at 1pm followed by the main parade from Statham Avenue.

Lymm Dickensian Christmas Festival will finish with the flotilla along the Bridgewater Canal (Weather permitting) around 4.45pm.

Meanwhile the Santa Dash has now become an established fixture on the Lymm Dickensian Day celebration. Now in its 6th year, the Fun Run creates a buzz at the start of the procession.

Entry is open to Fun Runners aged 10+ capable of completing the 5km course.

The runners start is outside Brookfield Surgery on the canal bridge and we will lead off the Main Procession.



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So if you're a lover of the very best of big band jazz and all things Christmas make a note in your diary for: A Swinging Christmas with Dr Jazz and the Cheshire Cats, 7.30pm December 14th at Thelwall Village Hall.

Ticket information at [lymmfestival.org.uk](http://lymmfestival.org.uk)  
Event organiser Keith Halsall commented: "The weather outside might be frightful - but in Thelwall Village Hall the welcome will be delightful" - organisers hope residents will join them as they take a swinging sleigh ride through a big band winter wonderland"

Whilst Lymm Festival mainly takes place in the summer with around 50 events in a 10 day period they also promote various 'Winter Warmers'. Chair Cllr Ian Marks commented "we don't like to rest on our laurels, after a fabulous summer with sold out shows including Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Rev Richard Coles and our Food Fest amongst others, we want to keep presenting high quality entertainment through the winter months."

You don't have to be an audience member to be involved. You can become a volunteer, join as a member or sign up to the newsletter.

In addition Lymm Festival committee are currently looking for a couple more people to join the team and would like to hear from anyone who wants to be involved with organising the Festival.

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Main course choices start, of course, with Roast Turkey with all the trimmings. But you can opt for Braised Lamb Shank on a root vegetable mash with a mulled wine

jus or fillet of Seabass on a bed of Beetroot Risotto with lemon and tarragon butter.

A fourth choice is for vegetarians – and others who prefer Camembert Fig and Onion Tart with all the trimmings.

Desserts start with traditional Christmas pudding with a rich brandy sauce but also on offer are caramelised orange cheesecake with mince pie ice cream or brioche bread and butter pudding

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# Lymm RFC launch artificial pitch in style

**After a few years of planning and several months of groundwork, Lymm Rugby Club launched its new, all-weather Artificial Grass Pitch in style with a 42-23 victory over Morpeth.**

The new facility will provide clubs across the local community the chance to benefit from year-round rugby through the durability of the all-weather, floodlit surface, which will enable additional training sessions and more flexibility in playing times. As a result, the pitch is expected to increase rugby participation across clubs and community groups, further growing the sport.

'This a great step forward for Lymm Rugby Club and the broader community,' commented John Cartwright, Lymm RFC Chairman. 'We are grateful to the RFU, Warrington Borough Council, and the main contractor McArdle Sport Tec for helping us achieve this significant ambition.'

The AGP will also be available for hire by local sports clubs, schools, colleges, universities and 5-a-side football organisations.

'We hope the local community will embrace the new AGP and

take advantage of the additional opportunities it provides people to play year-round rugby. We have seen local clubs, schools and teams from across the local areas all embracing the opportunity to play on the world-class facilities without weather, darkness or lack of pitch access limiting their ability to enjoy this great game', said Steve Grainger, RFU Rugby Development Director.

The inaugural match on the club's Artificial Grass Pitch, against Northumbrian opponents Morpeth took place after several days and a mornings rain, and a few games in this league were postponed due to waterlogged pitches. The all-weather pitch lived up to its name, on a dry, still and sunny afternoon as Lymm ran out victors in style.

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# FDR Law go one better with latest Legal 500 ranking

**Following last year's success when FDR Law became the first Warrington based law firm to achieve a ranking in the prestigious Legal 500, the firm achieved the double this year with listings for both its Real Estate and Private Client teams. The Legal 500 rankings are the leading guide to law firms and solicitors across the UK and only recommend firms following a thorough, independent process.**

Highlights for the Real Estate team included representing Network Space on the sale of 25 sites across the North West in a deal worth £93m, advising United Utilities Property Service on the disposal of a substantial area of land in Swinton for residential development, and acting for a client on the negotiation and completion of a property and asset management agreement for a national portfolio of industrial and commercial sites. The Legal 500 researchers summarised as follows:

FDR Law is regularly engaged

by commercial and residential developers, retail and leisure operators, corporate occupiers, and investors. It also acts for public sector clients and is experienced in education sector property mandates. Its experience includes strategic partnering and site assembly work, acquisitions and disposals, asset management, development and forward funding work. Team head Stephen Woodall acts for public and private sector clients; Charles Agar is experienced in private sector property development instructions;

and John King handles contentious matters.

The Private Client team were equally delighted to be recommended and listed in the personal tax, trusts and probate category in the first year they have entered the awards. With feedback from clients including "A trusted, reliable and dedicated law firm" and "FDR's client service has been impeccable and their level of knowledge and expertise is of the highest quality" the Legal 500 researchers summarised the Private Client team as:

The team at FDR Law possesses 'impressive knowledge, efficiency and integrity', handling the full range of matters covering will drafting, estate administration, complex trusts, powers of attorney, Court of Protection, IHT planning and succession planning. Head of Team Ian Sydenham 'exhibits the highest standard of client service and care', and regularly advises the firm's highest value clients and estates.

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Members of FDR Law's Real Estate and Private Client teams celebrate their success.

## Lymm's Journey Through Time

It was over 100 years ago that local shopkeeper, photographer and historian Pel Ardern produced his "Illustrated Guide to Lymm" for sale at his shop on Eagle Brow.

"It must have been a huge success" said Heritage Centre chair Alan Williams, "as copies still turn up regularly on Ebay and Amazon, not to mention the many copies tucked away in drawers around Lymm".

Now Alan and the Heritage Centre team are hoping to emulate Ardern's success with a new book in time for Christmas.

Lymm - A Journey through Time has been produced in conjunction with a new timeline display by artist Tristram Rossin that will go on show at the Centre from November 22. The book will be available from around the same date. There's even a 1,000 jigsaw of the timeline (already on sale) for all the family to gather round over Christmas.

"I certainly wouldn't claim our new book to be a complete history of Lymm," said Alan. "That's a huge task for someone one of these days. What we have done is take 22 topics including some of the trades, transport and traditions of the village and told their story and how together they have shaped the village into what it is today. We think it's a great introduction to Lymm for those who didn't grow up here while also containing some new information and photographs not previously seen in print".

All proceeds from the book, which contains over 100 photographs and illustrations, will go towards the running of the Heritage Centre and the development of another exciting new initiative, the Lymm Digital Archive.

LyDia as it is already being called, is planned to go live before Christmas at thelymmarchive.co.uk - Thanks to support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the players of the National Lottery.

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# Lymm biker aims for the big time

**LYMM racing motor cyclist Sean Neary is eying a step-up next year to the high profile Pirelli Superstock championship.**

He has spent the last three years contesting the Ducati Performance TriOptions Cup, resulting in a second and two third places in the overall championship, with numerous wins and podium finishes.

But he believes his extra height and strength will suit him better in the Superstock championship in a title challenge on the bigger and more powerful bike.

The series is one of the most fiercely competitive championships in the UK and having built up so much experience in the Ducati series Neary feels the time is right to move up to the next level.

With this in mind he is looking to secure funding to ensure he can operate successfully and give him the best opportunity to progress.

The benefits for a potential

sponsor are many, including advertising the company name on the bike, race clothing and the race truck.

Every race is reported and sponsors acknowledged. There is also an opportunity for the sponsor and/or his staff to attend race meetings where not only will they

be able to see Neary in action and receive hospitality, but see how the team prepares for a race. Of course the races are part of the British Superbike championship package and the opportunity to watch the rest of the racing on the day is an added bonus.

Huge crowds watch the British Superbike championship and the racing also attracts live television

coverage so millions of people will see the brand name on the bike and perhaps be mentioned in the commentary and the programme.

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## Obituaries

### Greta Derrick

THE funeral took place at Walton Lea Crematorium on September 17 of Greta Derrick, who died in Whiston Hospital on August 29 following a long illness.

In her younger days, Greta was a telephonist supervisor at the General Post Office in Liverpool.

She moved to live in Lymm in 1966 and after a few years started working at Lymm Secondary School in the school meals service, where she made many friends.

She was a passionate gardener and enjoyed overseas travel.

Greta is survived by her husband Kenneth and their children Helen, Stuart and Greta and her grandchildren Jeeremy, Hannah, Joseph, Sarah and Ben.



### Michelle Hunter

THE funeral has taken place of Michelle Hunter, nee Linley, aged 39, formerly of Lymm, who died suddenly in Leighton Hospital on July 22.

Michelle lived in Lymm all her childhood, went to school in Lymm and worked in Lymm until moving to Northwich. She regularly returned to the village to visit her mother, brother and uncle.

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