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HERE at Lymm Life we love reporting about positive news in our local community – so it was especially rewarding to report on two fantastic community fund-raising initiatives – The Lymm Panto and the Lymm Rotary Christmas Float.

The Lymm Panto raised a staggering £40,000 for the Lymm Rugby Club Grassroots Appeal while the Lymm Rotary Float raised circa £9,000.

Considering we have been going through times of austerity these are truly amazing amounts of money.

Not only have these events generated significant funds, they also gave a great deal of pleasure and entertainment in the build up to Christmas.

Congratulations to all involved and keep up the good work – you are all truly inspirational and set a great example for our village.

Meanwhile it is pleasing to report on more success for the volunteers at

the Lymm in Bloom group who picked up another Gold Medal for a third consecutive Year at the North West in Bloom awards – another fantastic achievement for a dedicated team of volunteers led by Ben Selwood.

Unfortunately the group is now struggling for volunteers and needs new blood to ensure it can continue adding some colour to our village.

So if you are reading this and have a spare couple of hours on the last Sunday of the month, make your way down to the sunken garden in the village centre, opposite the lower dam and join Ben and his team – I am sure you will be made most welcome.

Meanwhile if you have a positive news story we would love to hear

about it – please email the details to info@lymmlife.co.uk and we will try our best to publish it – space permitting.

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Another "Gold" for Lymm in Bloom!

LYMM in Bloom have won a gold medal in the North West in Bloom awards – for the third year running.

But at the same time, the voluntary group have sounded a warning that it could be the last time they enter the competition because of a shortage of volunteers.

Chairman and founder Ben Selwood said: "We are facing something of a crisis because we are not getting new members. At the moment we have about six members and some of them are not getting any

younger."

Volunteers meet at the Sunken Garden at 10.30am on the last Sunday of the month.

It was the seventh year Lymm in Bloom had entered the North West in Bloom competition. For the last three they have won gold medals in the "town" category – and in the year before that they picked up a silver gilt.

The group has also won widespread praise locally, from individuals and from the parish council.

Lymm figured in two other categories in this year's competition.

The Bright Futures School, in Barsbank Lane and St Peter's Church, Oughtlington won level four awards in the "neighbourhoods" category – level five being the top award.



Two of Lymm in Blooms volunteers, Peter Powell – better known as the Town Crier – and Fred Fowler – at the awards ceremony in Southport.

Larger than life photography

INTERESTED in macro photography – that is, extreme close-up photography usually of very small subjects such as insects?

Lymm Photographic Society is holding a meeting on Wednesday, February 12 in the function room at the Spread Eagle, in Eagle Brow, Lymm when the guest speaker will be Tony North.

He will be presenting a selection of his own images and giving advice on how to approach macro photography.

Tiny living organisms, such as insects, can be photographed at a size larger than life size.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

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 United Reformed Church, 8pm.
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February 11
LYMM PARISH COUNCIL
 7.30pm Lymm Village Hall

LYMM WI
 Every second Wednesday, 2-4pm at Lymm
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LYMM BOOK CLUB
 Second Thursday of the month 7.30pm,
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MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP
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ROTARY CLUB OF LYMM
 Every Wednesday at Statham Lodge Hotel
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 Knitting for charity at Lymm Methodist Church,
 2nd and 4th Thursday each month.
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 Eagle Brow Methodist Church
 3rd Thursday in the month
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GARDENING CLUB
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 Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm
 Visitors welcome. £2 includes tea and cake

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 Lymm Village Hall
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 (ex July & Aug), 7.30pm
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 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8pm
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 at Lymm Village Hall



Thousands pack into village centre to sing carols around The Cross

ONCE again thousands of people packed into Lymm village centre for the annual "Carols around The Cross" event on Christmas Eve.

A local tradition going back many years and organised by the local community and supported by Lymm Parish Council, Warrington Brass entertained the crowds, who sang along to traditional carols and Christmas favorites.

Town Crier and local councillor Peter Powell again compared the event supported by church leaders Rev Bev Jameson from St Mary's Church and Father Michael from St. Peter's Church, Oughtrington, from a mobile stage set up in the village centre.

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Lymm Panto generates a monster £40k for Grass Roots charity

AFTER a superb run of cheeky entertainment, this year's Lymm Rugby Club Panto, 'Spank & Stein' raised a monster £40k for the Lymm Grass Roots Clubhouse Appeal.

The Lymm Panto, in its 33rd consecutive year, involved an eight-night run, entertaining an audience of over 1,500 and was deemed a huge success raising a record-breaking total.

"As we move into the next phase of development at Lymm Rugby Club, raising funds for our

new clubhouse remains top of our agenda," commented Panto impresario Simon Plumb.

"The audience reaction was overwhelming and we are grateful for the huge support we get year-in, year-out. We have many fundraising initiatives planned through the year, so I would urge everyone to get involved and have a great time helping raise funds for such an important community project."



Lymm Rotary Santa says thank you

LYMM Rotary Club's annual float around Lymm and District once again raised circa £9,000 for good causes.

For over sixty years, the Rotary Club of Lymm has escorted Santa on his annual tour of Lymm & Thelwall. He returned for another twelve nights this year and was warmly welcomed by local families, both the very young and their parents and grand-parents.

Hundreds of children stopped the float to have a chat with Santa and numerous photos were taken, requests for presents were made and letters posted.

Many adults expressed their thanks for the Rotary Club and its volunteers for making this visit possible. One of the club's favourite responses to Santa's visit read as follows; "thanks to Lymm Rotary and their band of

helpers for the Santa Float this year. They have turned out in all weathers, weekdays and weekends, to bring us all a little festive cheer, raising money for the local community".

Additionally, Santa appeared at Abbey Leys Farmers Market, Sainsbury's in Rush Green, Lymm's Dickensian Day, Sainsbury's Warrington and a children's party at the Grappenhall & Thelwall Royal British legion.

Lymm Rotary Club would like to thank all who visited the float and those who contributed so generously to Rotary's Charitable funds.

The sum raised was similar to other years and grants will now be made to the local organisations who assisted in the collections and to other good causes throughout the year.



Big Energy Saving Week - Save £££ on your energy bills

Big Energy Saving Week (BESW) is designed to help consumers understand their energy use, cut their bills and get the financial support they are entitled to. It will be launching this year on January 20.

Lymm Community Energy is holding a BESW event on Wednesday, January 22, to provide free and impartial advice to householders in Lymm and the surrounding area.

It will be held at Lymm Sanctuary Hub, Library Annexe, Davies Way, Lymm WA13 0QW from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Bring along your latest energy bill and take away a free energy cost saving tool kit.

You can see the leaflet for the event by visiting www.lowcarbonlymm.org.uk. Please contact the group at info@lowcarbonlymm.org.uk

Last year the group helped Lymm residents to save between £150 and £500 on their energy bills. Comments included:

"very confident about switching thanks to advice given"

"enabled me to go back to current energy supplier and negotiate a much better deal"

"switch went smoothly following help provided"

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Lady golfers raise £12,676 for charity

LADY members of Lymm Golf Club have raised an amazing £12,676 for charity during 12 months of fund raising events.

Liz Lyons, the Lady Captain, chose the Children's Adventure Farm Trust (CAFT) at Millington as her charity for the year and was amazed at the amount she and her team managed to raise.

She said: "We have had a lot of fun along the way and the money should give a little happiness to children who through no fault of their own have been deprived of a normal childhood."

CAFT provides free residential holidays and fun days for terminally

ill, disabled and disadvantaged children from across the North West and North Wales.

Fund raising events included a Ladies Golf Fashion Show, the 72 hole "Slice Girls Challenge", a Ladies Evening of Image, Colour and Beauty, the Ladies Golf Charity Open Competition, a Holistic evening and, finally, a Christmas quiz with a twist.

The cheque was presented to CAFT community fundraiser Rob Bashforth at the Ladies Christmas lunch and pictured from left to right are Jeanie Donnell-Jones, Lottie Makin, Jackie Booth, Liz Lyons (Lady Captain), Rob Bashforth from CAFT, Eileen Roberts, Jan Marlowe and

Beryl Boucher.

Rob thanked Liz for choosing CAFT and explained how much fund raising efforts like this mean

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A "Warrior Camp" is being held at the Crouchley Lane Club every Saturday until February 8 from 10am to 11am.

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Thinking of learning a new language? Or perhaps learning a new language?

Looking for a toddler group, a gardening club or a class to help you with your GCSE preparation? Or just some people to sing with?

These are just a few of the many activities taking place every week in the church.

Over the years the church has become arguably the most utilised community building in Lymm. On a typical week, 400 people visit to take part in one or more activities, and that is largely in addition to the 200-plus who attend the service on Sunday mornings.

Mr Goswami says: "Hospitality and welcome are top priorities for us as a church. There are serious problems of loneliness and isolation in society today. Even in a friendly place like Lymm, people need someone to chat to, somewhere to belong. These groups provide a sense of community and well-being, as well as enhancing the life of people socially, educationally and artistically and we want to encourage them."

"I remember a lady coming in a few months ago alone and with no particular artistic skill, but she is now learning to paint in watercolours and has made lasting friendships along the way. That's what it's about!"

At the Incy Wincy toddler group,

working mum Paula Swettenham said: "This is a very special place. I have brought all four of my children here one after another and it's always so warm and welcoming".

Ashleigh Hindley, mother of Stanley and Winnie added: "The staff here are exceptional - nothing is too much trouble and it's so good to meet other people like me juggling a busy life and small children!"

It's not uncommon to find all five of the church's halls and rooms occupied at the same time with toddlers and school-aged children, through to adults practising impressionist art or flower arranging, to seniors attending U3A classes.

The church has recently embarked on a major refurbishment that will transform the facilities and

the look and feel of the place. Due to be completed in January, money has been raised to provide repairs, replace aging décor, provide a lift to improve access, and a brand new coffee lounge for building-users to enjoy a cappuccino and conversation.

Mr Goswami added: "As with any major building project, we have had a few setbacks and nasty surprises along the way, but we are now well on the way towards completion. We're really grateful to all our user groups for bearing with the dust and the noise for a few weeks, but it will be worth it - the results will be amazing!"

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Inheritance

In 2016 over 70% of LGBTQ+ adults identified as single or never married. Couples who are not married or in a Civil Partnership do not enjoy the same rights as married/Civil Partnership couples to inherit their partner's estate.

In 2018, around 12% of all adoptions in England involved same sex couples. If an LGBTQ+ adult has a biological child of their own, or if they have adopted a child, that child will be entitled to inherit their estate. However, a non-biological child who has not been formally adopted will not be entitled to inherit any assets from the estate if there is no Will.

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Obituaries

Audrey Kinsella

THE funeral has taken place of Audrey Kinsella, nee Wilson, aged 69 of Bollin Drive, Lymm who died at home on December 11.

Mrs Kinsella worked for 17 years at Lloyd's pharmacy in Lymm and was well known to local residents. Previously she had worked as a dinner lady at Oughtrington Primary School.

Sadly, after suffering for 12 months with Motor Neurone Disease, she passed away peacefully at home.

Mrs Kinsella is survived by her husband, Bernie, son Steven, daughter-in-law Michelle, grandchildren Flynn, Dylan and Alfie and sisters Rita, Anne and Sue and brother John.

The funeral took place at Altrincham Crematorium when donations were for St Rocco's Hospice. Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.



Malcolm Gadd

THE funeral has taken place of Malcolm Gadd, aged 82, formerly of Yeald Brow Lymm, who died in Summerville Care Home, Grappenhall, on December 3.

Mr Gadd, a retired businessman, lived in Lymm for many years. He was a member of the Bridgewater Players amateur dramatic society.

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