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**AFTER four long months it is great to be back in print – but in reality we haven't been away as we continued to report the local news online, seven days a weeks.**

When we launched Lymm Life in the last century more than 20 years ago, we managed to publish an edition every month until the coronavirus pandemic hit.

Due to many businesses closing and the logistical problems of distributing a free magazine, with the associated health concerns of encroaching on peoples' properties, we had little choice but to suspend print publication.

While it has been a tough time for many, in particular those who have suffered or lost loved ones, there has been plenty of light in the dark, especially in our local community.

It has been rewarding to report on the many outstanding people and organisations who have gone above and beyond during one of the most difficult times in living memory.

There have been so many acts of kindness it is impossible to list them all and I would undoubtedly miss someone out.

But one group of people stood out – the Leave No One Behind Group, which ensured vulnerable people in our community were looked after during lockdown.

Lymm's community spirit once again shone through.

We also almost lost our local

Rotary Club, but thankfully after reporting the imminent closure online, a rescue package was brought together and thankfully this community group, which does so much great work in the community, will now continue.

I was humbled by being made an honorary member of the group as a thank you for the publicity which helped ensure the club will now continue to serve our community.

While things are certainly better now than they were at the peak of the pandemic we are still not out of the woods and with warnings of a second wave we must all continue to stay alert and stay safe and ensure those who are most vulnerable are

supported and protected.

With a constantly changing picture no one can predict if and when things will return to normal – in the meantime we must all try and carry on to the best of our ability with the "new normal."

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# Husband and wife team get on their bikes to clean up Lymm woodland

**A husband and wife team embarked on a mission to clean up woodlands at Lymm which had been left littered with rubbish by young party goers using potentially lethal Nitrous Oxide gas canisters.**

After being alerted about the litter by a dog walking friend, Paul and Stella Connor literally got on their bikes to clean up the mess left at Spud Wood and Helsdale Wood at Lymm.



Paul explained, "We were gob-smacked to see that there were indeed perhaps 200 to 300 silver 'laughing gas' canisters there, along with enough litter in that general vicinity to fill 4 large bin bags! Not to mention the large tent which had been fly-tipped there – which we reported to the council via their website. On our way home we spotted plenty more litter on the lower High School fields – a near-future job for us or another volunteer I'm sure."

The couple are part of a small but growing ad-hoc network of volunteers in the village who regularly grab their litter picking gear and help keep Lymm looking lovely.

"We see looking after our local area as simply an extension of the natural inclination we all have to look after our homes and families. Many of us are so proud to live in Lymm and wider Warrington, and benefit so much from its wonderful outdoor spaces and sense of community, we feel it is only right that we do our bit to improve it further," added Paul.

While the recent lockdown has shown what a tremendous community-spirit exists across the town, an unfortunate increase in littering and fly-tipping has

accompanied this.

Paul added, "Needless to say, this has to stop. Whether kids setting out for an outdoor party, or adults going for takeaway - before we set out, we need to plan how we will dispose of our rubbish – taking extra bags with us if needed."

Stella adds, "Not to mention the health problems from inhaling that amount of nitrous oxide. It seems to be all too easy for even kids to get hold of. At least there is a growing national awareness of this problem, as well as several petitions asking for parliament to control access to it. I feel it is our duty as a caring community to support this effort in every way we can".

Paul concluded: "Communities spotting and fixing problems used to be the norm – and I feel strongly that we need to return to that mentality, of being the change that we wish to see."





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### LYMM HISTORY SOCIETY

Please check any events before attending due to Covid-19 restrictions.  
The Village Hall, Pepper Street, Lymm, 8pm  
Members £1, Non-members £3  
All Welcome

### LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

Online monthly meetings due to Covid-19  
Check [www.lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk) for details.

### LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB

Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm

### MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP

Meet each Wednesday 9.00am - 11.30pm  
Oughtrington Community Centre, Lymm  
Details: 01925 755126

### ROTARY CLUB OF LYMM

Meets at Statham Lodge on the 2nd and 4th  
Wednesday each month for a Fellowship and  
a Business meeting respectively.  
Contact the Secretary 01925 758398

### LOVING HEARTS & HANDS

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

### MARKET LUNCHESES

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  
[lymmfloralart.org.uk](http://lymmfloralart.org.uk)

### LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday  
(ex July & Aug), 7.30pm  
Spread Eagle pub, Eagle Brow.  
Details: [www.lymmphotosoc.org.uk](http://www.lymmphotosoc.org.uk)

### 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  
Youth and Community Centre. Visitors  
welcome.

### LYMM BOOK CLUB

Second Thursday of the month 7.30pm,  
Spread Eagle, Eagle Brow. Details 01925  
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### 4LYMM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION

Meet every 2nd Monday at 7.30pm in the  
Bridgewater Club, Whitbarrow Road.  
All welcome. Tel 01925 756378 for details.

### LYMM AND DISTRICT MIXED VOICE CHOIR

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### HEARTSTART LYMM

Tuesday monthly sessions.  
Tuesday 4th September, 7pm.  
Tour of Safety Central, 7.30pm Heartstart  
'Essentials First Aid' course.  
Free tickets to be booked on the link [www.tinyurl.com/HeartstartLymm](http://www.tinyurl.com/HeartstartLymm) which will be kept  
up to date with the ongoing dates.  
Open to all, not just Lymm residents!

### PROBUS CLUB OF LYMM

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2:15pm.  
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Online monthly meetings  
due to Covid-19.  
See advert on page 15  
for details.

# Lymm Festival donates £1,000 to support Heritage Centre



**Lymm Festival has donated £1,000 to Lymm Heritage Centre to support their ongoing work researching and promoting the heritage of the village.**

In recognition of social distancing, the cheque was handed over on the end of a salt-worker's rake.

Chairman of Lymm Festival Ian Marks said: "As a charity we are severely restricted as to how we spend our money. We have two 'objects' in our constitution. The first one is to advance the arts for the public benefit and the second one is to advance the education of the public in the heritage of Lymm. Supporting the Heritage Centre is an excellent way of meeting our second 'object'.

The Centre has done some remarkable work in the few years it has been open. But like everything else, its finances have been badly hit by the pandemic, which has engulfed

us all. We are very pleased to be able to make a contribution towards their work."

Chair of the Trustees of Lymm Heritage Centre, Alan Williams added: "It has certainly been tough for small charities like ours over the past few months. But we have continued to work creatively, developing the online picture archive of Lymm [thelymmarchive.co.uk](http://thelymmarchive.co.uk). We have also had teams working on new exhibits and books so that we will have fresh offerings for when we reopen. We greatly appreciate the support of the Festival which will be used to finance more new local heritage initiatives over the coming year and help bring visitors back to Lymm".



## #LymmFest21

[www.lymmfestival.org.uk](http://www.lymmfestival.org.uk)

## Thursday 17th June to Sunday 27th June

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- Out & About • Heritage

The pandemic required us to cancel our festival this year but we responded with a series of on-line events featuring some of our intended performers, local artists and poetry. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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We are proud to continue our partnership with Lymm Life with thanks for all they have contributed to the success of the Lymm Festival over the years.

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# Lymm Housing market – post Coronavirus update

The housing market will always be a huge talking point for many and even more so with the global pandemic. We decided to ask the local experts from Admove to share their views on the property market post 'lock down' in Lymm.



Director Charlie Green and Mike Chung said; "One of the biggest questions asked is 'is the property market going to drop'. This will always be an ongoing topic but looking specifically at Lymm, I believe there won't be any dramatic changes in terms of house prices. Lymm has always been a highly desirable location to live in which I feel is mainly down to the community built over many years by local residents. There will be certain areas in the country which will see a change in the market, but I believe areas surrounding Lymm/ Cheshire have too much of a demand and every property will sell providing they are priced sensibly by agents/homeowners.

Since 're-opening' we have had to make many adjustments to the way our company operates ensuring the safety for our staff and the public is paramount, putting people before profit. Although there is a lot of sad news of many companies of all sizes closing/re-structuring by making redundancies, we have taken a positive outlook on current circumstances making a bold move hiring three new full-time staff. We now have a strong experienced team of 11, which is a big difference from back in 2015 where myself and Mike were listing properties from a spare bedroom with little resources.

We had some great news in early July with the stamp

duty announcement. When the announcement was made, we immediately received a drastic change in enquiry levels, offers and the following day sold just under £1.2 million pounds worth of property which was a real positive boost. We are extremely thankful for all of clients and staff and would urge anyone who is considering to sell or rent their properties, to contact our agency. Our company ethos is currently to keep a positive outlook and as long as the hard work is put in, the results will follow."

Over the past 18 months, Admove has doubled in size with the lettings and property management side of the business rapidly expanding taking on some exciting projects from established developers. Directors Charlie and Mike said; "This is a sector of the company that is expanding quicker than anticipated which is amazing news and we really enjoy seeing the growth giving new opportunities and the ability to build our company. We are really proud of the company and the achievements we have accomplished along the way. Our team is a massive part of our success and we are proud of each and every one of them."

Approaching Christmas/ the new year, Admove have suggested there will be a further update of the property market with some interesting statistics and research for the residents of Lymm.

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# Care home residents go back to their 'pub'



**RESIDENTS of Keate House care home, Lymm were able to visit their "in-house pub" for the first time since before the COVID-19 lockdown.**

The pub – the Keate Arms – has been refurbished during the lockdown but it was decided not to re-open until after "Super Saturday" when all other pubs re-opened.

Proprietor Malcolm Clarkson cut a ribbon and raised a glass to everyone.

There was beer and a game of darts for the men and prosecco and a chat for the ladies.

Next thing on the menu will be regular "high teas" at the pub.

It is hoped families will soon also be to enjoy a tippie at "The Keate".

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# Lymm Transport Day donates £7,000 to important causes

**DESPITE having to cancel this year's Lymm Transport Day due to the coronavirus pandemic, Lymm Transport Day organisers were able to donate £7,000 to important local causes, with plenty still in the kitty for next year's event.**

Everything had been booked for Lymm Historic Transport Day 2020. "Entertainers, check. Vehicles check. Volunteer groups, check. Traders, check": all this plus the hundred and one other things that make Lymm's biggest day of the year run smoothly.

But then, like for many thousands of events, Coronavirus stepped in and the hi-vis jackets and wristbands had to go back into the cupboard for another year.

"It was a huge disappointment of course" explained Event Director Alan Williams "but there was clearly no alternative and our thoughts turned quickly to how we could make some sort of response to what was happening around us."

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Field Event Manager, John Parry added. "We had already donated nearly £5,000 in total to Lymm Heritage Centre, Maggie's Cancer Centre and the RAF Benevolent Fund before the virus surfaced.

"It quickly became clear that important charities operating locally were among the hardest hit. With all sponsorship events cancelled, their funds took a huge

hit. So Transport Day stepped in to donate a total of £7,000 across three important local causes: St

Rocco's, Warrington Foodbank and Samaritans."

Organisers are confident that thanks to the huge success of the event there is still plenty in the kitty to enable them to put on another great show next year. In fact work

has already started to ensure that Lymm's latest annual event can go ahead spectacularly and safely.

Sunday June 27th 2021 - Get it in your diary now! More information at [www.lymmtransport.org.uk](http://www.lymmtransport.org.uk)



*We'll be back!*

We look forward to welcoming back all our many friends and visitors next year.

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# Lymm Village Centre Covid-19 Social Distancing Measures

When the social distancing measures were announced by the Government, Warrington Borough Council officers identified the need to try and assist the Borough's Town and Village Centres in relation to pedestrians' ability to social distance and provide better pedal cycle accessibility where possible.

In early June 2020 a partnership of Ward Members, Parish Councillors and Warrington Borough Council Officers began rationalising the ability to provision wider footpaths through the village centre of Lymm. Due to the existing highway restrictions the best way of achieving wider footpaths and allow safe passage of pedestrians past shop queues the option of a one way system was proposed and circulated towards the end of that month. Responses identified issues with deliveries, the impact on the required diversion route roads, restrictions to the bus service in accessing the three busiest stops in Lymm, and also concerns about the aesthetics due to the type of barrier required to implement this option. It was noted that

the partnership would need to look for an alternate option.

Following further meetings the partnership identified the potential for a full weekend closure of both the main route through the Village and Bridgewater Street from 6pm on a Friday evening through to 11pm Sunday to allow social distancing at the Village's busiest times. This proposal would assist many food and drink retail outlets without restricting bus services and week day deliveries / collections. A further invitation for comments was delivered to approximately 340 properties (as per the previous circulation for the one way provision) on Friday 24th July. Responses to this proposal identified access issues for residents, the need for weekend post office access for local business' parcels and Environment Agency weekend access to the weir in addition to the cleansing requirements after possible unsociable evening activity.

The partnership had identified several alterations to the proposed weekend closure to mitigate the concerns raised

although unfortunately, due to the safety of pedestrians through the Village Centre, none of these alterations were viable. The proposed weekend closure of Bridgewater Street did not identify the same concerns as those presented for the closure of Eagle Brow and The Cross. Access to the Henry Street car park was raised as a problem due to the present one way road connecting this to the Davies Way car park. With an alteration to a short section of the Boat Stage to provide a priority give way arrangement vehicles would be able to move in both directions to access Henry Street car park.

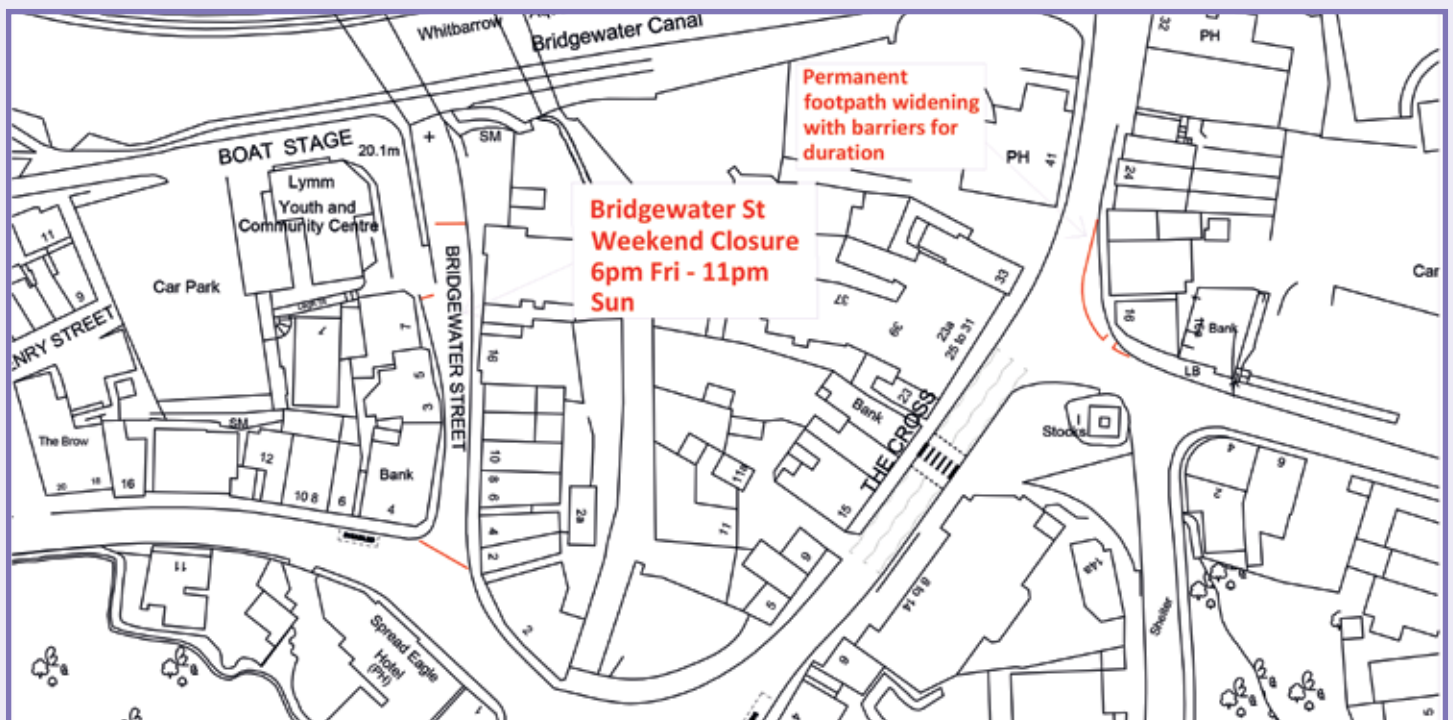
The outcome of the consultation on the various options explored to facilitate social distancing for road users is that they are too problematic to implement on Eagle Brow and The Cross without adversely affecting residents, businesses and pedestrian safety. Therefore; it is intended that as from the 6pm of the 31st July, only Bridgewater Street will be closed for the weekend, up to 11pm on Sunday 2nd August. This will continue every

weekend for six weeks up to and including 6th September.

Throughout this process there has always been an intention to widen the narrow footpath outside 'Eighteen' and 'The Wine Kitchen' on the North side of Pepper Street at its junction with The Cross. This is due to the existing narrow footpath that on occasions requires pedestrians to pass in the road increasing the risk of conflicts with passing vehicles. It is intended to also provide this proposal full time through the same six week period that the Bridgewater Street weekend closures will be in place and possibly beyond depending on necessity.

Both locations will be managed by a dedicated traffic management company and the partnership will monitor the situation closely. Any issues that arise from the traffic management measures being in place can be reported at the email address below:

**lymmcovid19restart@warrington.gov.uk**



# Lymm Heritage Centre open again after bouncing back online

**LYMM Heritage Centre was just preparing to welcome its 20,000th visitor when lockdown meant that the doors closed late in March.**

The volunteer team quickly rose to the challenge and bounced back with a whole range of initiatives. During lockdown an on-line shop – [lymmhc.co.uk/books-gifts](http://lymmhc.co.uk/books-gifts) was successfully launched, sending books and jigsaws everywhere from Appleton to Australia and now that the Centre has reopened there are two exciting new additions to the range.

The Time Traveller's Handbook offers an exciting multi-media journey round the village complete with quiz. There's even a prize for completing it. At just £6 it's the perfect staycationers' day out. Even for the housebound it's a great read or why not try the Lymm jigsaw. It's a beautiful scene at the white cottages in the village centre. (see ad).

Volunteers have also been busy during lockdown, securing, but also sharing, Lymm's heritage in the Lymm Archive (LyDiA). It's a user friendly way to discover so many aspects of Lymm history. Maybe there are pictures of your road. Take a look at [thelymmarchive.co.uk](http://thelymmarchive.co.uk).

The centre itself continues to develop and there are many new exhibits including a row of Edwardian Lymm shop windows, a Pele 66 exhibit and a new video wall showing Lymm over the past 150 years.

There is more to come too. Lymm's traditions and the slitting mill are next on the list. Two exciting collaborations with local groups will also appear shortly. The first is a working model railway of the building of the Manchester Ship Canal produced by Warrington Model Railway Society. The second is the Lymm Model Village project produced by Lymm Rocks, featuring over one hundred painted rocks

representing every aspect of village life. It will go on permanent display outside the Centre – not to be missed!

The Centre is open four afternoons a week Thursday to Sunday 1-5pm. Being closed for nearly four months has meant a real financial challenge for an organisation that relies on room hire, donations and retail sales. The Centre needs your support to ensure it remains a sustainable part of the community. It is run entirely by volunteers (we always welcome more) but still costs £60 a day every day of the year to keep running. Becoming a Friend costs just £12 a year for an individual or £20 for a couple or family. Please think about joining today. [www.lymmhc.co.uk/donate](http://www.lymmhc.co.uk/donate). Gift Aid can grow your contribution by 25% making it a valuable investment in Lymm's future.

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## Lymm rocks during lockdown!

Lymm village was recreated by Lymm rocks during lockdown.

"Lymm rockers" brought painted rocks of their favourite Lymm landmarks to the library garden where they were displayed for all to see on July 4.

Artists young and old helped paint 210 rocks for the model village. Children had drawn their favourite parts of Ridgway Grundy Park and more experienced artists had painted some iconic Lymm buildings. Lymm locals were also invited to paint their own business and clubs to be included in the display.

After such events, rocks are hidden around the village for others to find and brighten their day. Once found, finders are encouraged to

hide rocks for others to find.

Finders were also asked to post their find to the Facebook group 'Lymm rocks' as artists/hiders love knowing their rocks have been found.

On this occasion, as the rocks so perfectly depict a lymm village in lockdown 2020, some rocks were not hidden but are to be used in a display outside the heritage centre for everyone to enjoy.

Lymm rocks has many themed events running through out the year. They have just hosted a virtual Lymm rocks Olympics race and, on 30 August, they host their annual Lymm rocks big bug line.

See their Facebook group 'lymm rocks' for more details.

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# Lymm Rotary Club saved from closure!

**LYMM Rotary Club has been saved from closure after "overwhelming support" from the local community, including former members, who have put forward a rescue package.**

The support followed a report by **warrington-worldwide** highlighting the club was set to close due to lack of members after 84 years serving the local community.

Now members have been overwhelmed by messages of support and offers to join the Club, some from past members and some from people with no previous Rotary connections.

At a special "zoom" meeting, the Club reversed the earlier decision and members will now go on to secure the future of the Club while awaiting the arrival of additional members. To sustain the club and its commitments to the Float and Senior Citizens' Party among others, it is vital that new members participate in Club campaigns and activities.

President Alan Edwards said: "This gives us a chance to renew the Club and as soon as we are allowed to gather together, we will organise a meeting for members and prospective members to set out ideas and plans for the future of the Club."

A club spokesperson added: "Members of Lymm Rotary never wanted to see the Club close but did not feel able to continue to meet expectations with so few members. We are grateful to Warrington

Worldwide & Lymm Life for bringing a desperate situation to the notice of the public. Local people have responded overwhelmingly with offers to join and support the Club. One new member has signed up already, former Rotarians have stated that they will return and we are in touch with several people wanting to join. The Club looks forward to a new era for Rotary in Lymm. The door is still open for more new members." Call 01925 758398 for details.

## Kids Planet receives Outstanding Ofsted again

A Lymm nursery has once again been awarded an Outstanding Ofsted report.

Kids Planet Lymm was praised in February by Ofsted inspectors for putting 'children and families...at the heart of absolutely everything that this inspirational nursery provides'.

The nursery, which was rated outstanding in all four areas – the quality of education; behaviour and attitudes; personal development; and leadership and management, benefits from a fully equipped sensory room, outdoor play area, a pre-school room with an interactive whiteboard and ICT area, and an

allotment in partnership with Lymm Parish Council. It is the second consecutive time the nursery has been awarded the highest rating possible from Ofsted where, 'Children are warmly greeted by friendly and highly motivated staff, who are eager to ensure that children make the most of their time at nursery'.

Clare Roberts, CEO of Kids Planet, which now has 52 nurseries and a further brand new purpose built nursery planned in Winnington next year, said: "We're delighted for the Lymm team on their recent outstanding award which reflects our commitment to providing the best and safest surroundings for children. We continually strive to maintain the very high standards we set ourselves and this award is testament to that effort".

In the same month, Kids Planet

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# “Virtual” Lymm Festival beats COVID-19 lockdown

**COVID-19 forced the cancellation of this year’s Lymm Festival – but it did not put a complete stop to the event.**

Modern technology enabled several events to be put on during the 11-day period the festival would normally have taken place – and they can still be seen on the Lymm Festival website, [www.lymmfestival.org.uk](http://www.lymmfestival.org.uk)

Festival organisers were delighted with the “lockdown” events.

One organiser, Keith Hallsall said: “One of the most enjoyable aspects of our online festival was that we were able to engage more fully with local artists and musicians.

“We had a fantastic response from the community enabling us to feature two online galleries of

artwork and host 10 lunchtime concerts featuring music made in lockdown by local music makers.”

Local group Eddie and the Eagles, made up of regular players on the Lymm “open mic” circuit performed while socially distancing in a garage.

Festival chairman Ian Marks said: “Using social media, YouTube and Lymm Community Radio we managed in a very short time to put on a number of events.

“We have been able to reach a different cross-section of the public from normal, which is really good. We will be using some of what we have learned when it comes to promoting and putting on

next year’s festival. The excellent musical, art, craft and foodfest events and the poem-of-the-day readings from various spots in Lymm on the theme of ‘rejoicing in nature’ were very well received.

Anyone interested in getting involved in helping to organise the festival in future should email [chair@lymmfestival.org.uk](mailto:chair@lymmfestival.org.uk) – particularly those with expertise in social media and IT.



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## £1.5m Birth centre nears delivery

**The build of our £1.5m midwife-led birth centre on the ground floor of Croft Wing at our Warrington site is nearing completion with plans for the first births in the autumn.**

Research has shown that births are less likely to need intervention and transfers to a medical setting when women give birth in midwife-led environments. Over 3,000 babies are born through our Maternity Service each year and the addition of the new suites will mean that even more women will have even more choice of how and where they give birth.

The new Birth Centre will be an addition to the Trust’s existing maternity services which currently include an alongside midwife-led unit (MLU), community midwife-supported home birthing and obstetric-led care for women who require additional support from a multi-disciplinary team.

The new birth centre will also be a community hub and home of the community midwifery team which will ensure continuity of care. Women will have the same midwife throughout their pregnancy, during labour and afterwards for postnatal care. The midwife will know the woman and her family to enable strong relationships and trust to develop during the maternity journey. Working within a continuity model puts the woman at the centre of care by ensuring individual needs are met.

Every aspect of the design has been carefully planned in partnership with new and expectant mums and midwives. The

additional complementary services aromatherapy, acupuncture and massage area will promote a feeling of calm and relaxation.

The four new birthing rooms will be offering a home from home experience creating a welcoming and comfortable ambience. Focusing around state-of-the-art birthing pools, the birthing suites will feature sofas, birthing cubes, cushions and wall art with mood lighting; music and candles creating a relaxed, peaceful and calm experience. This investment has allowed us to redevelop our offering for all mums to be including complex cases who will also experience their maternity care and labour in a more homely environment.

Midwife and antenatal appointments will also be held at the new Centre and women can choose this option instead of being seen at their nearest GP practice and Sure Start centre.

Following birth, a new postnatal suite will enable partners to stay overnight in comfortable surroundings with their new family in ensuite rooms. Contemporary cots, side tables, changing tables, soft lighting and luxurious bedding will make this room feel like a ‘special home from home’.

Maternity Matron Tracy Thomas and Maternity Integrated Care Manager Claire Braithwaite are

really looking forward to opening the centre.

“The new birth centre provides an exciting opportunity to deliver care for some of our ladies who choose to birth their baby in a low risk environment. Providing continuity of care across all areas including antenatal and the postnatal period, it will undoubtedly enhance the

experience for our ladies and their families.

“We are so pleased and proud to be able to offer this option to women and their families. Giving birth in a relaxed calm environment where intervention is reduced is the foundation of a healthy start in life.”



Artists impressions of the new suites.



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# LYMM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

As things start to creep back to normality our thanks must go to the staff and volunteers from the Council and Leave No One Behind for all the great work they have done and are still doing to help those in need.

Following the resignations of Peter Powell and Anna Fradgley we are looking to co-opt replacements until the next formal elections in May 2021. Application forms are available from the Clerk, Kerry Duffin, and the deadline is August 24th.

Kath Buckley is due for an operation very soon and we wish her a speedy and full recovery. Peter Powell had a bad fall in Pepper Street and slightly spoiled his film star good looks but is looking forward to resuming his duties as Town Crier.

The Parish Council is still meeting regularly, although only via Zoom, and the public are welcome to watch the proceedings but only if they have a sufficiently high boredom threshold.

The Councillors have been pressing Warrington Borough Council to make weekend changes to the road layout in Lymm to help with social distancing and to help businesses, especially those involved in hospitality. These are due to be implemented from the beginning of August and, whilst we know that we cannot please everyone, we hope that they will be viewed positively. It is also pleasing to see the reopening of the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Other venues such as the Village Hall and the Youth and Community Centre are keen to welcome back their regular users as soon as regulations allow. In the meantime our thanks go to all the workers and volunteers who have helped keep Lymm as safe and tidy as possible in these difficult times, and to the public for supporting our local businesses - they need you more than ever.



Geoff Hawley, Chairman



Photo: Natalie Burrows

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# Outstanding students recognised at virtual awards evening

**LYMM High School students have once again been recognised for their high achievements with an annual awards evening, although this year, it was a virtual event, live streamed into students' homes.**

Instead of the usual canapés and drinks prepared and served by Lymm's catering students, viewers were welcomed by Head Teacher Gwyn Williams speaking to an empty hall. Head of Halls Mr Hayes and Assistant Headteacher Mr Thompson, who jointly emceed the evening, were the only audience members.

During the ceremony, films from Heads of Faculty, Heads of Year and members of the Senior Leadership team spoke highly of the outstanding achievement, exceptional progress and commendable effort of the award winners. Over ninety students were recognised for their outstanding academic, pastoral, personal and

sporting achievements over the past year.

Even Local MP Andy Carter popped in to wish all the winners well.

The evening was also filled with performances from Lymm High School's Brass Ensemble made up of Year 9 and Year 12 students: Tom Leighton-Jones, Suzie Underwood, Charley Davies, Bradley Gibson and Tom Davies. Year 13 students, Rosie May Larkin, Ella Worsley and Eve Shaw, also sang beautifully during the second interlude of the ceremony.

Lymm's international sporting success was highlighted by Mr Hampton. Eleven students have represented England, Wales

and Great Britain this year. The evening ended with the most prestigious award of 'Outstanding Contribution to School' being presented to Deputy Head Girl, Rosie May Larkin.

The winning students were praised by Mr Williams for their hard work. As were their parents for supporting them in their endeavours.

"This is such an important event in the school's calendar year that we simply couldn't allow it to not go ahead", said Mr Williams. "We are really pleased that the students' efforts could still be recognised in this virtual ceremony. Very well done and huge congratulations to all winners."

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# Brothers keep Lymm captaincy in the family!

**LYMM RFC has announced that Tom Bray will captain the 1st XV for the 2020/21 season taking over from his brother Adam, who stepped down from skipper duties at the end of last season.**

Tom, youngest of the Bray brothers, was the natural choice to lead the team into a new chapter, as a stalwart for the club, always leading the way on the pitch with his performances and regularly being involved with coaching the next crop of talent throughout the Mini and Junior ranks.

Fatherhood has seen Tom mature into a natural mentor, helping young players to develop and to understand the culture that has been created within the squad.

On being named Captain Tom said: "It's a massive honour to be named as 1st team captain. Having

been a part of this club as a mini and junior as well as 12 seasons of senior rugby. I'm really looking forward to leading a very talented and exciting squad in what can hopefully be a successful year for us".

Director of Rugby, Adam Fletcher echoed Tom's excitement commenting: "I've known Tom for close to 15 years. He's been an outstanding servant to Lymm RFC over the years and thoroughly deserves the honour of 1st XV captain. Tom has evolved over the last few years into a really impressive leader."

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# Hockey club appoint youngest coach in club's history

Lymm Hockey Club Men's 1st team have recruited the youngest head coach in the club's history, ex-player Carywn Nash has taken over the reins of the 1st team and combining playing in the National League for Timperley with coaching Lymm in the Northern Hockey League.

At 24 years Carywn learnt his trade at Lymm, where he captained them to reach the National Hockey Finals, before moving onto play for Timperley in the National League where he picked up player of the season for the 19/20 season.

Lymm Men's 1st team are currently playing the highest level of hockey for any team in the Warrington area and are actively

looking to recruit new players, with the appointment of Carwyn as head coach it is an exciting time to be part of the hockey club and with pre-season training starting in early August it's the perfect time to get in touch with them if you are interested in joining.

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She attended Westleigh School in Whitbarrow Road and later, Lymm Grammar School.

On leaving school she worked as a tax officer at the Inland Revenue in Altrincham and later in the tax department at Baker Tilly accountants, Warrington.

Linda was a keen gardener and regularly attended the RS Flower Show at Tatton Park.

She is survived by her brother, Michael.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.



### Gladys Briggs

THE funeral has taken place of Gladys Briggs, nee Lockhart, of White Clover Square, Lymm, who died at home on March 12. She was 71.

Gladys was born at the Victoria Park nursing home, Warrington, but lived most of her adult life in Lymm.

She was widowed at a young age and dedicated her life to her three children and, after the tragic loss of her daughter, her grandson Dale.

Gladys had many jobs such as bar work, cleaning and a dinner lady at Lymm High School. She died, surrounded by her family, after a brave battle with cancer.

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### Venessa Shaw

THE funeral has taken place of Venessa Shaw, nee Cartain, of Stage Lane, Lymm, who died in Warrington Hospital on March 18, aged 96.

Venessa died peacefully from complications due to her age.

She was a keen bowler and a member of Heatley WI. Her humour will be missed by all who knew her.

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### Leonard Woodward

THE funeral has taken place on Leonard (Len) Woodward, of Pepper Street, who was born in Lymm and loved the village. He died peacefully in Warrington Hospital on March 29 at the age of 84.

He was a haulage contractor, working for Rigby's Dairies, Lee Bright Bars and Hall and Kay. But he was also proud to serve three years' military service, as a driver in the RASC in the UK and Iraq.

Len loved his holidays and his social life. He supported Lymm May Queen and the Royal British Legion, here he was branch chairman for

many years. He was later organiser of the Poppy Appeal and was proud to receive an award for 40 years service.

He had not been well for many months but never grumbled.

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