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Editor's Comment



AS I pen these notes we are once again in a national lockdown due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which has hit Warrington hard.

Unlike last time I am sure many of you will now know of people who have been impacted by this terrible disease, although there still appear to be plenty of "non believers" circulating on social media.

With many of our clients closed for business it is not getting any easier to produce a free community news magazine.

But thanks to our many loyal supporters we are endeavouring to carry on throughout lockdown.

It is going to be a long hard winter ahead so it is refreshing to see that members of Lymm Rotary Club are going to do their best to keep some Christmas spirit alive with their annual float.

Due to lockdown their won't be any door to door collections but they plan a Christmas Drive by and Santa Wave throughout Lymm and Thelwall areas as scheduled, subject to an acknowledgement to proceed from the Warrington Borough Council.

And while they can't undertake door to door collections, they are setting up on-line donations via Facebook and the Lymm Rotary Club Website.

You can also watch out for updates on Santa's progress on the [Lymm Life](https://www.lymmmlife.co.uk) facebook page.

Congratulations to everyone at Lymm Rotary Club for your endeavours - and hopefully Santa can help spread some much needed

Christmas cheer for everyone.

On the subject of Christmas I would like to wish all our readers and advertisers a Happy Christmas and hopefully a healthy and prosperous New Year.

While Christmas is going to miss a lot of its commercial sparkle this year, it is a great opportunity to go back to basics and spend time at home with those who are special to you.

Hopefully restrictions will be lifted enough to see our loved ones and also don't forget to watch out for any neighbours who may be spending their time alone.

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Village celebrates five years of clean energy production

LYMM Community Energy is celebrating five years of clean energy production in the village.

Four solar panel systems at four primary schools are not only saving money for the schools but are also saving about 25 tonnes of CO2 emissions every year – equivalent to the CO2 absorbed every year by 1,160 mature trees.

The solar systems have generated 426,300 kWh of clean electricity

to the end of September – enough to power about 115 homes for a year.

It was five years ago that Lymm Community Energy (LCE) installed solar panel systems at Oughtrington and Ravenbank primary schools.

The following year they installed two more systems at Cherry Tree

and Statham primary schools.

This was made possible by raising £184,000 through two community share offers in the summers of 2015 and 2016.

The money raised for the solar systems also enabled LCE to fund the installation of low energy LED lighting at three of the schools.

As part of its remit to encourage energy efficiency and carbon reduction, LCE has now undertaken energy audits at Maple Lodge Scout and Guide Centre and Lymm Village Hall. Recommendations have been made on how to achieve net zero carbon for the buildings and these are now being implemented.

Financial support for energy efficiency/carbon reduction is

available from LCE through its Community Benefit Fund which allocated £2,500 to two projects last year and a further £1,500 is now available for this year.

LCE chairman Bob Barr said: "We are now looking ahead at the next 5-10 years and identifying new CO2 reduction projects in which we can invest.

"If you have any ideas about projects in areas such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, electric vehicles or energy storage, we would be very pleased to hear from you."

For more details visit www.lowcarbonlymm.org.uk or email LCE at info@lowcarbonlymm.org.uk

Schoolgirl turns hobby into business during lockdown



A 13-year-old girl from Lymm has turned a hobby into a business during lockdown – raising money for charity at the same time.

Emma Britton has been interested in sewing, after joining a sewing club when she was nine.

During lockdown, and after receiving positive feedback from the face coverings she made for her family, she decided to use her skills to set up Emma B Makes, creating facemasks for the local community.

Available in a range of colours and sizes, Emma's face coverings are £5, with 10 per cent of every sale going to Emma's chosen charity. So far, she has donated £150 to "Dress a Girl Around the World."

As well as facemasks, Emma's product range includes cushions, make-up bags, scrunchies, ear budcases and giftbags. All orders are delivered free of charge locally, can be collected or posted if further afield.

Emma said: "I've always loved sewing, my grandma bought me my first sewing machine for Christmas. There wasn't much to

do in lockdown so I started making face coverings for my family and then my friends said they'd like some.

"I began getting requests from people in the village and realised I could turn this into a business and raise money for charity at the same time.

"I'm now back at school but still working away at numerous designs. The feedback I've received so far has been brilliant and it's been great to raise money for a charity I'm really passionate about."

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Check 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 LUNCHES

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

GARDENING CLUB

Meet Third Wednesday of the month
Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm
Visitors welcome. £2 includes tea and cake

LYMM FLORAL ART GROUP

Lymm Village Hall
Third Monday of the month (except August and December) at 7.30pm. Visitors most welcome. Contact: 07876 176501
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LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

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

LYMM WINE AND BEER CIRCLE

3rd Wednesday of the month, 8pm
The Spread Eagle Hotel
Details: 01925 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 752371

4LYMM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION

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All welcome. Tel 01925 756378 for details.

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See parish council website
for details.

Lymm's 'Double Take!'



BACK in 2019 Lymm Photographic Society, and Carol Sparkes in particular, approached the Heritage Centre with the suggestion of a joint project to be titled "Double Take".

The idea was for the Centre to provide photographers with a set of pictures of old Lymm. They would then set about recreating the images in a modern setting, in the same locations and with similar line-ups of people. Along the way everyone would learn a bit about local history and there would be a lasting record of village life for the next generation.

The team from the Centre's digital archive "LyDiA" came up with a wide range of photographs from bishops to bakers and barbers to butchers.

What no-one had reckoned with was the huge impact that coronavirus would have on village life with businesses shut and events cancelled. Yet somehow the whole project, initially put on hold, came together with pictures taken as and when rules and opportunity allowed.

The whole collection has now been brought together in book form by Alan Williams from the Heritage Centre, with the same title, Double

Take. Old and new pictures sit side by side, supported by brief stories giving fascinating insights into village history.

"This was never intended to be a book about the Coronavirus crisis" explained Alan "and it has much wider appeal than that. Nevertheless for people picking up the book in years to come it will certainly offer glimpses at how life changed in 2020".

The Photographic Society are donating all profits from the book to the Heritage Centre charity to sustain it through what could still be a difficult time ahead for all indoor venues.

The book goes on sales in mid-November at Lymm Post Office and will also be available at the Heritage Centre once it is able to reopen.

Alternatively take a look at the Centre's online shop which has several new products for Christmas, including a new Lymm jigsaw. www.lymmhic.co.uk



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The Nest midwife-led unit opens this month at Warrington Hospital

The Nest Midwifery-Led Unit is to open this month at Warrington Hospital, at the ground floor of Croft Wing.

The Nest is the latest addition to the range of birth options available to women including birthing options for home, in the Obstetric-led Birth Suite and the Birth Suite active birth rooms.

The Nest offers four en-suite birth rooms, each with its own birthing pool and two having outside access to the garden area. The state-of-the-art rooms have been designed to

promote active, upright labours in a calm and relaxed environment.

The equipment available reflects the Maternity team's ethos of promoting physiological labour, utilising birthing couches, birthing stools, mats and positioning pillows. Specialist lighting, Bluetooth speakers and projectors allow personalisation of the space to help create a home-from-home

feel.

There are also facilities for mothers to stay for up to 24hrs in their own room, as well as the option of early discharge home. There is a large and inviting kitchen area for patients and staff use, as well as refreshment facilities in each room. Future plans include developing a private outside garden area for ladies to utilise during their labour.

A broad range of pain management options are available including complimentary therapies and pharmaceutical medications.

Who can use The Nest?

Women with uncomplicated pregnancies or individualised care plans will be allocated their labour care onto The Nest unless they choose to opt for alternative areas of birth. They will be cared for by experienced Midwives and Maternity Support Workers, who aim to provide 1:1 support throughout the labour and help each woman to birth her baby with as minimal intervention as possible.

To book to have your baby at Warrington Hospital, or for more information, visit <https://whh.nhs.uk/services/maternity>



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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Lymm Parish Council welcomes two new Parish Councillors. Ben Selwood and Tim Martland now represent Lymm's residents and can be contacted on the details featured on this page.

Normally this article would start by reviewing all the fantastic events that would have happened and would list the marvellous events to come in this approaching Festive season. However, we live in a time of COVID-19 when all planned events wither by the wayside as uncertainty looms.

It is a time, though, to celebrate the community spirit of Lymm encapsulated by all Lymm volunteers including those picking litter and keeping our areas clean, those who volunteer for Leave No One Behind helping isolated people throughout Lymm to weather these distressing times and all the others. Similarly, the launch of Lymm Radio has been a fantastic success. Led by Paul Smith and his team (which includes our very own Rob Tucker), the radio station and virtual pub quiz started from a spare bedroom during the first lockdown and has developed into a fully blown radio station listened to by many in Lymm and around the country and globe. Well done in cheering people up!

Carols around the Cross has been attracting an audience of thousands and will take a new format this year by taking place on Lymm Radio. See the Parish Council website, social media and Lymm Pages for further information for how to tune in and sing along.

The Parish Council continues to support local establishments via grants and improving the village. To this end, we aim to appoint another Environment Warden to our team this Autumn.

The Council is continuing to work with Warrington Borough Council to reduce speed limits and deal with HGVs that continue to cause problems in the village. We continue to fight the use of green belt for housing which is an ongoing process. Lymm Parish Council is a member of the South Warrington Parish Councils Local Plan Group set up to oppose the worst aspects of Warrington's proposed Local Plan. Deputy Chairman, Cllr Ian Marks says, "One task was to oppose Eddie Stobart's proposal for a giant logistics site on Green Belt at Appleton Thorn. We are delighted the Government has thrown this out. Another task was preparing an alternative vision for Warrington in this changing world. We welcome the decision by Warrington to pause the Plan preparation. We hope our report and video will persuade them to take our ideas on board."

Finally let us hope that by following all the guidelines we can see an end to this situation. In the meanwhile, let us celebrate the good will and community spirit of the people in Lymm Village.



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Lymm Sanctuary Hub & Business Centre re-opens its doors

ALTHOUGH Lymm Sanctuary Hub and Lymm Business Centre was forced to close its doors in March, it reacted overnight to local need and offered space and admin services to Lymm Meal Scheme set up by LNOBIL.

It continues to manage the public donations fund and provide space for food donations and the Food box volunteers to work from, but the centre has now been able to carefully welcome back business customers as office space and small meetings and events are permitted activities.

Centre users enjoy the calm working environment, modern facilities, affordable rates and accessible location, with some walking or cycling to work and

others parking nearby. The centre is excellent for those who work from home, perhaps experiencing poor connectivity, distractions or isolation.

Kirsty James, owner of local business Colony Networking, who manages Lymm Business Centre and who set up part of the Meal Scheme commented,

"We want local businesses and community organisations to think of us if they need safe, secure office space, a place to meet colleagues

or contacts, a room for training and workshops, or office support. Everything we generate goes back into community support project and maintaining the Library building so it really is a win-win for all."

As part of the plans to keep Lymm Library open, Lymm Sanctuary Hub was set up as a new charity to oversee the delivery of community and business support services to local people. The charity oversees a separate social enterprise called Lymm Business Centre as its separate trading arm.

For more information, email officemanager@lymmbusinesscentre.co.uk or call 01925 737950.



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Police called in to investigate hoax planning notices for travellers facility

POLICE have been called in to investigate after hoax planning notices were erected in Lymm advertising proposals for a permanent travellers facility on land at Sow Brook in the village.

The official-looking planning documents had been pinned to three fences stating:

Permitted Planning Permission (Major) Confirmed Development of a permanent Travellers facility including widened access via Lymmhay Lane hard standing for 200 mobile homes/caravans, facilities buildings.

Parking facilities landscaping and amenity areas of associated infrastructure, all other details (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) Project to begin April 1 2021.

Cllr Ian Marks said, "My first phone call from a resident came when I had barely finished breakfast. Residents were greatly alarmed by the planning notices which on face value looked genuine. As soon as I could, I went down and took a photo which I forwarded to the Planning Manager and the Police. The Council confirmed my strong suspicions that it was a hoax and asked if I could help by getting the three notices taken down as soon as possible. I went down immediately and found one sign had already been removed, another resident was on his way to remove a second one,

leaving just one for me to remove.

"On closer inspection, the planning notice contained a reference number with only 8 digits instead of 9, a website address with a missing letter in 'warrington' and most telling of all a start date for the project of 1 April!

"Whoever put the notices up, achieved the desired effect of worrying a lot of residents and generating a lot of social media posts. One resident said that it had provided a bit of excitement at a time of impending lockdown on a dreary weather day. This incident followed travellers recently taking residence for a few days at the top of Cherry Lane."

Cllr Kath Buckley said she had also been contacted by concerned local residents.

At September's Full Council she had put a question to leader of the council Russ Bowden, seeking an update on a proposed venue for a travellers site following ongoing issues throughout the summer.

She was told that when a potential site had been identified a report would be presented to the Cabinet for approval, but there was no time frame for this.

"So as nothing has gone to

Cabinet nor is likely to for the foreseeable future and as Lymm Parish Council know nothing about this at planning level it is clearly a hoax."

A Warrington Borough Council spokesperson said "We received reports relating to these notices early yesterday afternoon as did local councillors.

We can confirm that it was a hoax and the notices have now been removed and the police informed."



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Lymm Food Support

Lymm Meal Scheme offers Family Food Boxes and Sunday Hot Meals. It relies on local food and financial donations. It fills the gap, short or long term, between other systems so no one is left in need due to age, isolation, health or finances

REGISTER FOR SUPPORT

Register yourself or someone who needs support at www.lymmhelp.co.uk/foodsupport or call us

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Community spirit leaves no one behind

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That project is still in place and is very much in evidence with family foodboxes and Sunday meals being delivered each week. Dedicated volunteers manage food and financial donations, put foodboxes together based on specific needs, buy meals from local businesses and caterers, and deliver to homes and schools.

The initiative has provided a valued support network and many of the meal recipients look forward to the knock at the door on a Sunday by a volunteer they have got to know over the past few months. For many it has become the highlight of the week and offered them friendship and care.

With almost 400 foodboxes and over 1500 meals delivered to date, the team is working hard to finalise a programme which will ensure that the foodbox and hot meal provision continues throughout Christmas and into 2021.

The Lymm community is urged to think about anyone they know who could benefit from these voluntary services. Visit: www.lymmhelp.co.uk. Food donations can be dropped to Lymm Sanctuary Hub and Business Centre at Lymm Library on Fridays between 10-12pm. Financial donations can be made and gift aided at www.lymmhelp.co.uk/donate.

Houses to be built on former factory site

PLANNING chiefs at Warrington have given the go-ahead for up to nine houses to be built on a former factory site at Lymm.

Developers Rushgreen Land Holdings Ltd have won permission to demolish the former Elastomer Engineering factory off Millers Lane and build up to nine houses on it.

Rubber mouldings manufacturer Elastomer was founded in 1966 but in July last year was acquired by Dexine Leyland Rubber Technology Ltd at Leyland.

Production has been transferred to the Leyland site and the Lymm factory has been standing empty for some time.

There were no objections to the scheme.



Obituary

George Rowe

THE funeral has taken place of George Winston Rowe, aged 78, a

resident of Lymm for more than eight years, who died in Warrington Hospital on October 16.

Mr Rowe was a lifelong Manchester United supporter and also enjoyed reading. He was proud to be a resident of Lymm.

He leaves his wife of nearly 53 years, Margaret, his children Nick, Gill, Caz and James and nine grandchildren.

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