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SPRING is in the air, the roadmap out of lockdown is underway and the vaccine programme is being rolled out so hopefully, the light is shining brightly at the end of what has been a very long dark tunnel.

We will have all been impacted in some way during what has been a torrid year for many but some worse than others, especially those who have lost loved ones, are still suffering the ill-effects of long COVID and those who have lost their livelihoods.

Spending a lot of time on social media, which is a necessary "evil" of my job, it has become clear there are a lot of angry, anxious and frustrated people out there and with local elections in the air, there have been some very toxic comments in circulation.

Having been on the receiving end of some, which unfortunately goes with the territory, I know only

too well how personal insults can impact your mental health.

It is easy to criticise from a keyboard and lash out at those in the community, who are very often just trying to do their best.

Most people involved in public life I have met, do it for the right reasons - to try and make a meaningful difference in their local communities.

Yes, I know there are career politicians, who are financially rewarded for their endeavours, but the vast majority, especially parish councillors and community volunteers, do it because they want to help people.

Healthy debate and being critical

of manifesto policies is one thing, but personal toxic and abusive insults are totally out of order.

Freedom of speech is essential - but allowing people to be abusive and nasty and insulting is something we can do without.

So here at Lymm Life we have now decided to include a Zero Tolerance policy on our Facebook group, which has nearly 4,000 members, that anyone who is abusive to others with personal insults or foul and abusive language is blocked. We and the vast majority of like-minded people don't want these people spouting their poison in our community - no doubt I will be called a dictator by some - but the group is part of my business - and I believe if all media had similar principles the world would be a better place.

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Quality Counts award for Rosebank Naturegarten

ROSEBANK Naturegarten has been awarded National Day Nurseries Association's 'Quality Counts' award.

Quality Counts is a national quality scheme designed to help nurseries explore all aspects of its care and education to ensure that it is delivering the best possible service for young children.

Over the past couple of years Rosebank Naturegarten has been working towards the award, which

acts as an indicator to parents of the high quality care that is offered. Staff, children and parents will be celebrating their achievement as soon as possible once this can be done in a safe and fun manner. The final report included a summary of the key strengths of the setting.

"The nursery operates from a



beautiful purpose-built wooden building inspired by the owner's trip to Denmark to research Danish nursery provision... The nursery is an outdoor learning inspired setting, some of the children spend all morning and / or all afternoon sessions outdoors in the Forest School area with Forest School trained staff... There is a key person system in place, each key person knows their key children's interests and updates their on-line learning journal with observations and assessments of learning... Overall, it was obvious how children's needs and learning styles formed the base for the setting's planning... Parents have access to Parent Zone where they can view their child's observations and photos, they can add their own photos/ observations, comments and ask questions... Children demonstrated resilience and an understanding of the rules and expectations... Children were praised by staff for their input and kind behaviour".

Purnima Tanuka, Chief Executive of National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) added: "Achieving Quality Counts involves a great deal of hard work and development, and illustrates a nursery's absolute commitment to children. The nursery should be very proud of this achievement as the Quality Counts scheme demonstrates that children are at the heart of what they do".

Rebecca Roylance, Rosebank

Naturegarten's Nursery Manager commented: "We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded Quality Counts Awarded Level three. This is a special achievement and reaching this point is a culmination of much hard work from the nursery team. I would like to thank everyone who has supported us during our Quality Counts journey, and we are very much looking forward to celebrating our success in the near future".

We are now taking bookings for the Summer and Autumn Term 2021 for Nursery and Before and Afterschool Care. Please contact Rebecca on 01925 758959 to make an appointment or email her at rebecca.r@rngroup.co.uk

Anna receives High Sheriff's award for helping to Leave No One Behind in Lymm

ONE of the key admins of the Leave No One Behind in Lymm campaign, Anna Leaver, was recently awarded The High Sheriff of Cheshire's award for 'Community Service'.

Her nomination read: "When the COVID crisis started, a group of Lymm residents got together and set up the community response group 'Leave No One Behind in Lymm'.

Although working full-time, Anna was a key member from day one, and helped with the coordination of the group.

"She is an 'Area Champ' looking after a group of our street champions, but where Anna was an exemplar was in her management of the meals campaign, where vulnerable people received a weekly meal and welfare visit, delivered by a team of volunteers Anna led. In addition she was a key coordinator of our food distribution scheme, collecting donated food from our local shops and other suppliers, so they could

be distributed to those in need.

"Over the months hundreds of food parcels and in excess of a thousand meals have been distributed to the community, supporting people and giving them huge reassurance at this difficult time. It is very much a team effort, but I hope you can recognise Anna in her key role."

Anna's award was sent by the High Sheriff of Cheshire Nick "Hoppy" Hopkinson.



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MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP
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Oughtrington Community Centre, Lymm
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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 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

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
Meet every 2nd Monday at 7.30pm in the Bridgewater Club, Whitbarrow Road.
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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

Online monthly meetings due to Covid-19.
See parish council website for details.

Lymm in Bloom celebrates nine years of blooming!

THE Lymm in Bloom voluntary group is celebrating its nine-year anniversary this March with big plans for the village.

The group, which started out to celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, is looking to create a brand new woodland walk in Ridgway Grundy Park.

The walk, complete with native wildflower plantings, is hoped to bring more colour and enhance visitors use of the park.

Founder and Parish Councillor Ben Selwood said: "Through the resourcefulness of our volunteers, we are able to do things that we wouldn't have even been able to dream of doing back in 2012! Back then, it was extremely hard work to get the group off the ground. I have to thank a great team of volunteers to help make it happen!"

Along with the hard working team of volunteers who look after no less than 12 sites across the village, the group has been greatly supported by the work of the Lymm Jubilee WI, Lymm Jubilee Gardening Club, Oughtrington Community Orchard, Bright Futures and Lymm Parish Council.

Ben added: "Running a Britain in Bloom group is very hard work, there is constantly work needing to be done. It is more of a vocation;

we live and breathe the work. It is thanks to the help and support I have received on the journey that we really have taken off! We couldn't have done it without the immense work of the volunteers and the groups we work with."

Currently the group is planning the summer bedding schemes and projects for 2021.

"We have got a lot of good plans for 2021. We hope to add to the work we have been doing in Lymm's main traditional park – Ridgway Grundy. The park was left to the people of Lymm in 1951 and has gone through some dramatic changes over the years. We have added a bog garden, borders and planters. We hope the addition of the walk will add to usage of this space," added Ben.

The group would like to know more about the heritage of the park and are looking for photographs and memories to help inspire the work, as well as a public display.

The group is always in need of volunteers and people to get in touch either through the website or via the email lymminbloom@yahoo.co.uk if they are able to help.

ANDY CARTER MP

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Calls for urgent review of flooding defences along River Bollin

A concerned councillor is calling for an urgent review of flooding defences along the River Bollin following the recent flooding at Lymm which impacted local homes and farmer's fields.

Lymm Councillor Kath Buckley has called for an urgent meeting with the Environment Agency following damage to the flood defences along the River Bollin.

Following a meeting with local farmers, Cllr Buckley saw the damage which has been caused close to the Old Mill at Heatley Weir first hand, as trees have been brought down blocking the river flow and storm gullies are blocked. Flooding in this area of Lymm has increased in recent years, with local residents reporting concerns all along the River Bollin which falls under the responsibility of the Environment Agency.

A severe flood warning was issued to properties in Heatley Mere in January and around 150 homes were advised to leave the properties due to the risk of serious flooding. Whilst the water didn't reach the levels forecast some homes were severely damaged on Warrington Lane and Reddish Lane.

Cllr Buckley says if another storm occurs before the defences are repaired the consequences will be much worse.

"The awful flooding of Reddish Lane in 2019 was supposed to be

a once in a hundred-year event. However, as residents of Lymm are aware flooding again took place recently which has devastated again residents of Reddish Lane and this time the residents of Warrington Lane".

"A very large area of the bank has been washed away along Wetgate Lane and this means homes on Mill Lane and Birch Brook Road are also potentially at risk. Local farmers have also seen their fields flooded and crops destroyed as the Bollin burst its banks again and watercourses are clogged".

Cllr Buckley has been working with the Reddish Lane residents since 2019 to access flooding grant aid support and to address future flooding.

Lymm Parish council is supporting her attempts to help the residents and Cllr Buckley has been in discussion with Andy Carter MP and Warrington Borough Council to highlight the concerns of local residents.



BACK OUR TEAM OF LOCAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES IN MAY'S ELECTIONS



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The amazing success of the vaccine rollout across the UK is a testament to the hard work of our NHS and community volunteers as well as the foresight and leadership of our PM Boris Johnson and Health Secretary Matt Hancock. Securing a world leading vaccination programme means that we can now look forward to shops, businesses and leisure reopening and a return to spending time with our friends and loved ones.

So it has never been more important that, as we approach the Local Elections in May, we make sure we have strong Conservative leadership in Warrington too! We can do this by backing our great local Conservative candidates who understand the value of the parks and green spaces which have been so important to

us during lockdown, whether in Lymm or elsewhere in South Warrington, and who will support the £22m Towns Fund initiative I secured for Warrington.

And by supporting Conservative Councillors who are kickstarting local high streets recovery with a campaign to offer free weekend parking we can make sure that, when shops open in Lymm, Stockton Heath or Warrington, shoppers right across the Borough will be able to once again 'shop local' and rebuild our economy!



Andy Carter MP

LYMM SOUTH

Kath Buckley

Kath has served on the Council since 2015 representing Lymm South and is also a member of Lymm Parish Council.

During her time she has served on various committees including the influential Audit and Scrutiny Committee where she has championed transparency and openness in the way the Council operates. Kath is the Chair of Warrington Citizens Advice Bureau, Lymm May Queen Festival Committee and is a Governor of Lymm High School. Kath is also an active member of Lymm Clothing and Committee member of the Lymm Youth and Community Charity.



LYMM SOUTH

Ian Pemberton

Ian has lived in Lymm for more than 40 years and has recently retired giving him more time to spend cycling with his wife Carol.

Over the last few months, he's been campaigning for better road safety and in particular fixing pot holes in the village – a real menace to cyclist. As a councillor, Ian will continue to work closely with Andy Carter MP to protect our Green Belt by pressing for more building on brownfield sites and in the Town Centre.



LYMM NORTH

Stephen Chadwick

Stephen has been a supporter of Lymm Conservatives for many years and campaigns for improved policing and measures to reduce anti-social behaviour in the village. Stephen and his wife moved to Lymm in 2006 having grown up in Thelwall. They have four children who have all gone through Lymm schools.

Stephen runs his own family electrical business so knows the challenges associated with being a small business and is a member of Oughtrington School PTA.



LYMM NORTH

Roger Longton

Roger is a well know farmer in the Heatley area and has lived in Lymm with his family all of his life and has been involved as a proud Conservative supporter since he was able to vote. He is passionate about improving the local area for the benefit of the residents and has recently given a proportion of his land to tree planting to benefit the local environment. Roger would like to see the Conservative values of sound finance and good governance be represented in Lymm North.



Growing their own plants - behind the scenes at Primrose Hill Nurseries

PRIMROSE Hill Nurseries don't just sell plants, they grow them - more than half of what they sell is home grown - all on site at their nursery in High Legh.

Growing their own plants is very much at the heart of their business and plays a major part in their future growth plans.

Over the last 12 months they've doubled their growing capacity and are gearing up for another busy year.

During Spring 2021 alone they will grow over 150,000 plants and use over 40,000 litres of compost. To complement their seasonal bedding plant range they've also launched a new range of perennial plants including Peonies, Alliums and Aster x frikartii Mönch, with over 250 different varieties in total, all grown on site at the nursery.

Growing their own stock means they can ensure that they're offering plants of the very best quality with less reliance on wholesalers.

Home grown Primroses and spring flowering bulbs are available now and thousands of bedding plants are currently being grown ready for customers to plant out in a few months.

The dedicated growing team is led by Nursery Manager, Rob Groom, who has over 10 years of horticulture and growing experience.

Robert Ball, "the man with the

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Twins latest Muscular Dystrophy fundraiser takes total to over £13,000 during lockdown with Wacky Hair Day

TWINS Oscar and Sebastian Spink, who suffer from a rare form of muscular dystrophy, embarked on the fund-raising trail again with a "wacky hair day" at their local school, taking the total they have raised during lockdown to over £13,000.

Oscar and Sebastian, aged 10 from Lymm, got their school – Cherry Tree Primary in Lymm – to "Go Bright in February" to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy UK.

The whole school held a wacky hair and bright clothes day to take part in Zoom lessons and made donations for the charity. Even the teachers and the head joined in with the fun!

In addition, local retailers Sakarma handmade and Tropic by Mika have been running special promotions to raise funds through the month.

So far the boys have raised £850 in February, meaning they've now raised over £13k for MDUK since they started fundraising 12 months ago! They've set themselves a target of raising another £5k this year and are planning to attempt a sponsored indoor skydive when Covid restrictions are lifted.

The boys were diagnosed in 2019 with facioscapulohumeral dystrophy (FSHD) – a rare, progressive muscle-wasting condition that slowly destroys muscle making any physical

movement difficult and even affects their ability to smile. There is currently no cure or treatment for the condition and the boys will receive electric wheelchairs in the next few weeks that they will rely on to get around.

They've previously done a 26 lap sponsored walk in the garden and a virtual balloon race to raise funds for the charity.

Proud mum Kerry said: "Muscular Dystrophy UK has been a lifeline to us since their diagnosis but is losing a huge amount of income from cancelled events during these lockdowns. We're trying to raise as much as we can to help them carry on with their vital support for us and other families affected by muscle-wasting conditions."

Kerry added: "Oscar and Sebastian are such gorgeous, bright boys it's utterly heartbreaking to see how much weaker they're becoming every day- even the simple act of moving around is becoming more and more difficult for them. They never fail to amaze us with their resilience and determination to do as much as they can and are

spending lockdown trying to learn how to play instruments. They want to be the first rockstars that use wheelchairs!"

Facioscapulohumeral dystrophy (FSHD) is a genetic muscle-wasting condition that primarily affects the face, shoulders and upper arms but can also cause weakness in the legs and rest of the body. It affects around 1 in 20,000 people and there are only around 2,500

people in the UK living with this condition.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the fund can do so at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oscarandseb>

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Dad being treated for rare cancer thanks "amazing" wife and community for fantastic support

A father of two being treated for a rare former of cancer has thanked his "amazing" wife and local community for their fantastic support during such difficult times.

Matthew Eborall, aged 38 from Lymm, was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, Sarcoma and is currently undergoing chemotherapy at the Clatterbridge Cancer centre in Liverpool.

Despite being made redundant and having to start her own business working from home and caring for her husband, Sarah, 32, embarked on a fundraising campaign exceeding her initial target, with funds still coming in while also becoming the top fundraiser for the Sarcoma charity.

Matthew said: "This type of cancer is so rare there are currently only 15 people undergoing the treatment. I know a lot of charities are not getting any funding at this time but the Sarcoma charity didn't get much anyway.

"With this in mind, Sarah has been amazing with her non-stop fundraising and has managed to raise to date over £3500 and counting.

"The Sarcoma team has been amazed how much she has raised so far and have said she is their top fundraiser for the charity.

"I truly appreciate her for all she has done and would also like to thank the local community who have not only sent money but have also contributed for raffles and helping us over this troubling time.

Matthew currently works for Guy Salmon Landrover in Knutsford who he says have been "brilliant and very supportive" with his illness.

Married to Sarah they have two

children Jaden, 9, and Summer who is 5. Both go to the local school Oughtrington Community Primary.

Sarah was a former Thomas Cook cabin crew until being made redundant. She currently works from home for The Bodyshop at Home and despite Matthew's illness and looking after him, she has gone up the ranks in no time and now is an area manager with a team of 10 consultants.

Her fundraising started with a fundraising page with a target of £1000. She organised online sales nights for her Bodyshop at Home team with part of their commission added to the fundraising page.

She also organised a homemade cake sale with a yellow theme which she did on their driveway which was a "massive success" and was all covid compliant. There was also a wear yellow day. Sarah is also an avid runner and did a sponsored 10k run with her friend Tom and also 50 miles in January. She also has managed to do online raffles with personalised handbags that were donated by a local supplier.

Matthew added: "To help in the fundraising my work colleagues did a wear your own clothes to work day, despite most of the guys working from home. Jaden and Summer's school teachers did a sponsored Saturday morning walk around Lymm and the reception teachers also did a 10k sponsored run. In total, to date, Sarah has managed to raise £3339 smashing

the original £1000 target.

"Our close friends and local community have also been so compassionate not only did they raise £500 for us just before Christmas which has been used to landscape our garden while I'm shielding, I have also saved for a place to enjoy the sunshine with the family. We also have received food parcels from the local church group.

"I've been so humbled and overwhelmed by how much my wife Sarah is doing for me during this difficult time plus with all her fundraising for Sarcoma UK not only will it benefit myself but others who have this rare form of cancer.

"I would very much like to say thank you to everyone for all your

support."

Donations can be made online via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sarah-Cooke53



The 'Big Lymm Clean-Up' campaign

THE "Big Lymm Clean-up" campaign has been launched in the village to tackle increasing litter problems during the last year.

Residents who are annoyed at seeing the car parks with entire take-aways dumped in them, or all the cans, crisp packets, and bottles thrown into the hedgerows and discarded facemasks in the streets are urged to join the campaign.

A group of locals with the kind support of the Parish Council, have launched The Big Lymm-Clean-Up Campaign.

The campaign plans to get the whole of Lymm and visitors on board to tackle the problem, help restore the village, its woodland and trails to a litter-free state - and keep it that way!

Organiser Chrissie Knight said: "Lymm, has been severely affected during the pandemic due to increased footfall as it's a noted beauty spot. Unfortunately, budget cuts mean there are only three part-time personnel in Lymm to litter-pick, and even with this resource and the wonderful efforts of 100 or so regular litter-picking volunteers, the battle against litter is being lost.

"The good news though is that people in Lymm have terrific community spirit and love for their environment. With this campaign, we hope to raise awareness of the seriousness and urgency of the problem and ask for their help."

The Big Lymm Clean Up has three aims. The first is to encourage residents to use picker sticks (some will be available to take away at local outlets), plastic bags, strong gloves, hand sanitiser and possibly hi-vis - and go out and have a pick.

This doesn't necessarily mean an excursion with a big sack for two hours. Organiser Fiona Barnett explains. "There are simpler, more 'bite sized' ways of tackling this, such as the 'Two Minute Pick' in your own garden and surrounding pavement, the 'Five Minute Pick' of 200 metres around your house or flat and finally, the 'adding a bit more purpose to your walk' pick for, say 45 minutes. You will be astonished at how much you will find, even in just a couple of minutes and surprised at how satisfied you will feel at seeing the results!"

The second aim of the Clean-Up is to spotlight the existing Lymm

community groups and resources that people can join. This includes Lymm Litter Network - a Facebook group which the community uses to communicate litter hotspots and litter picking activities.

Organiser Paul Connor is a champion of litter picking throughout Warrington. He explains that, "Lymm Litter Network is proving very popular due to the sheer convenience and sense of community that stems from coordinated solo picking! You can choose to 'Adopt a Route' via our interactive map, or simply pick wherever takes your fancy! It is proving to be a great alternative to group picks during these times of social distancing, and I expect it to grow still further into the future!". Another key local group is Keep Lymm Kleen, which currently offers equipment for dedicated pickers and which intends to resume group picks as soon as lockdown eases.

Finally, the most challenging objective, which is to educate people to stop throwing litter in the first place and put it in the bin.

The campaign will last for the whole of 2021 and the focus for the

first quarter will be on the benefit of a clean environment on our mental health and wellbeing.

Look out for posters and more information on social media, in the village and schools including poster competitions and 'Picker of the Month' awards with prizes.

And remember, next time you see a volunteer out collecting litter, don't just smile and say 'thank you.' Get yourself a stick and join in!





LYMM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Hopefully as each month passes the country and Lymm get closer to a normal way of living. Lymm Transport Day, Lymm Festival and Lymm May Queen are all hoping to go ahead in one form or another and as this newsletter is written, children have returned to school. Lymm Parish Council would like again to give its heartfelt thanks to all the key workers and front line staff who have made this possible.

Below are the resolutions made by the Parish Council this month. The full minutes are available on our website as usual.

The Parish Council is particularly concerned about the increasing amounts of litter which are likely to worsen as the weather gets warmer and restrictions are lifted. To this effect, at the May meeting, a Councillor will be nominated as being responsible for coordinating efforts to combat this issue.

The trees around The Cross are a concern and remedial action will be taken as soon as possible.

When the next phase out of lockdown occurs can we as a Parish Council urge you to shop locally. With over 12,000 residents in Lymm and if we all shopped at least once a week in our local shops, in this time of extreme challenge for the High Street we would save our local shops for future generations.

New Heritage Trail Panels have now been installed across the village. Leaflets are available from local outlets with the PDF on the Parish Council website.



Main Resolutions from February and March meetings:

ISSUE	ACTION
Flooding	Council to organise meetings with the necessary agencies and residents to understand the issues regarding the recent floods in order for the Parish Council to take any necessary action.
Parking at Lymm Dam	Posters to be put up around the area promoting other walks as well as other carpark facilities.
Staffing	Register Lymm Parish Council as a Real Living Wage employer.
Trees	Action approved works on various trees around the village.
Environment Team	Order a storage container for the team's new equipment.
Livewire	Support of £5500 for one year to keep Lymm Library open and a new Business Model to be embedded.
PCSO	Approval of the SLA for a PCSO for 2021-22.
TPT	Improved signage for the TPT to safeguard walkers from cyclists.
Parish Newsletter	Lymm Life approved as the official outlet for 6 Parish Council newsletters for the next year.

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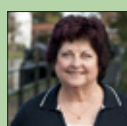
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Teenage schoolgirl “braving the shave” in memory of important people who lost battle with cancer

A 13-year-old schoolgirl from Lymm is “braving the shave” to raise money in memory of important people she has lost to cancer.

Isabelle Brookhouse, 13, a pupil at Lymm High School, is raising money for Macmillan because her Godmother and her Great Aunt both sadly lost their battles with cancer.

So she wants to raise as much as she can to show her support for the charity.

She was supposed to be taking part in St Rocco’s colour bubble fun run in 2019 but it was cancelled.

Isabelle, who has lived in Lymm

all her life, said: “I’m doing brave the shave because I have lost some very important people to cancer and I would like to do my part to help others who may become poorly.”

So far she has raised over £300 with funds still coming in.

Donations can be made on line via <https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/isabelle-hazel-brookhouse>



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Art & Design students secure fantastic offers at a host of universities



Warrington & Vale Royal College has a history of running successful art programmes which has nurtured the talents of young artists, helping them to progress onto a range of exciting destinations.

This year, we celebrate three exceptional young students who have all secured offers at university and have shown a real dedication to their work. All have had to overcome the challenges of lockdown, including being away from the studios in college and fellow peers, working from home with limited access to materials, and having to create a portfolio of work to be assessed in their UCAS applications.



Zsafia Piukovity
Graphic Design,
University of Bolton

Zsafia Piukovity, a Level 3 Art & Design student, has secured an offer to study Graphic Design at the University of Bolton. The former Beaumont Collegiate Academy student says she has thoroughly enjoyed studying at college, commenting: "The course is really varied allowing you to experiment with hands-on techniques such as crafts and embroidery, as well as digital techniques. It has definitely helped to prepare me for university and it's a great foundation for further study. I really recommend it."

Kirsten Jolley
Architecture,
Northumbria University

Level 3 Art & Design Foundation student, Kirsten Jolley, has secured an offer to study Architecture at Northumbria University. Speaking of her time at college, the former Sandbach County High School student says: "There is a focus on you as an individual. The tutors recognise your strengths and help to nurture this. It's a great course for experimenting with different media and finding your own style."



Molly Horrocks
Photography,
Manchester Metropolitan University

Level 3 Art & Design student, Molly Horrocks, has secured offers at all four universities she applied for including her first choice, Manchester Metropolitan University. The former Padgate Academy student says: "I managed to achieve a Distinction grade in my work last year which I wouldn't have been able to do without my tutor Hazel's support. She has shown me new techniques to use in my photography and I've gained confidence in trying new mediums I didn't think I'd be good at."

To find out more about our art courses, attend our Virtual Open Evening, Wednesday 24th March. wvr.ac.uk/virtualopenevenings



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Success for campaign to slow speeding traffic on Burford Lane

AFTER a campaign lasting many years to reduce the dangers from speeding vehicles on Burford Lane, residents have finally got the speed limit reduced.

Local Councillor Kath Buckley has thanked local people for their efforts, having relentlessly campaigned alongside many who were concerned about the number of speeding cars on the long open stretch of road.

In March 2020 Cllr. Buckley forwarded a comprehensive document to the Borough Council and Warrington South MP Andy Carter, in which she argued for a speed limit review and a 30mph limit along Burford lane.

Cllr. Buckley says the process of getting agreement has taken some time but after traffic surveys

Warrington Highways finally agreed that the speed limit would be reduced to 30mph for the majority of the road.

The current section at 50mph would be reduced to 40mph.

In addition, Cllr. Buckley held a site meeting with officers and residents to raise issues about verges, pavement, crossings and potholes.

Various proposals and remedial works were agreed upon, such as improvements to the exit of Spud Wood onto Burford Lane. It was also agreed that the pavement would be cleared which was

completed at the start of March.

Cllr. Buckley says she is continuing to follow this work through and would be pleased to hear any other comments which residents feel need to be addressed.

Cllr. Buckley said: "I am also grateful for the help in this campaign by local PCSOs who provided speed detection training and they have been undertaking speed detection reviews down the lane on a regular basis.

"The PCSOs provide an update

monthly to the Parish Council so I will continue to monitor their activity regularly".

Meanwhile Andy Carter MP added, "I was pleased to be able to support Kath and local residents in this campaign, I use this road daily and the speeds some motorists drive at is way too fast for the road."

New signs will be erected in the coming weeks when the Speed Order is made official.

Lymm village centre office suite available

Providing the perfect compromise between the difficulties of working from home and time-consuming travelling to city and town centres, Forrest House, situated in the centre of Lymm village, offers a unique business premises.

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Planners reject Lymm Truckwash expansion plan



Cllr Anna Fradgley and Cllr Tim Martland with residents.

PLANNERS have rejected controversial proposals to expand Lymm Truckwash following objections from local residents and councillors.

Local residents, supported by local Councillors Anna Fradgley and Dr Tim Martland, objected to the proposals which have been refused by planners – although the Lymm Truckwash operators say they will be appealing the decision.

Warrington Borough Council planners said there was no reason to justify building on green belt at the site on the A50 near Lymm Truckstop and noted the proposal would have had an adverse impact on those living nearby.

The Truckwash opened in 2018 and at times has caused serious traffic problems with HGVs queuing on the main road and performing three-point turns on the A50.

As a result, the owners submitted plans to expand the footprint of the site onto green belt, to install a fuel bunker and operate 24 hours a day, saying this would alleviate any backlogs of traffic.

Welcoming the refusal Cllr Tim Martland said, "The residents of the Lane End community at the top of Cherry Lane have been incredible in the amount of effort they have put into this campaign. Cllr Anna Fradgley

has been helping them build their case against the development since last spring. Protecting our green belt against inappropriate development is one of the issues the Liberal Democrats are passionate about.

"When I heard of the potential effects on air quality and the light and noise pollution, I added my support to the campaign. Families with young children live close to the facility and would have been adversely affected by more HGV traffic. We have also drawn the attention of the Council to aspects of the 2018 development which are yet to be properly completed. We hope these can be swiftly resolved. I know from talking to Fire Service chiefs that they were worried about lorries turning round in their station and obstructing access.

"This demonstrates what local communities can do when energised and supported. The residents researched the issues thoroughly and campaigned passionately for what they believed was right. They are understandably delighted that the planning department found in their favour".

One man and his dog take up 11,000 steps a day challenge

ONE man and his trusty dog embarked on a 11,000 steps a day challenge in March to help raise funds for UK Prostate Cancer.

Ian McKenzie, aged 67, from Lymm raised nearly £1,500 in just three days as he set off to walk 11,000 steps a day, every day in March, for UK Prostate Cancer. The 11,000 recognises the 11,000 men who die each year from "this awful beast".

He started a JustGiving page with a target of £750 and to his amazement, he achieved that in less than a day!

"I've now upped the target to £1500 and at the time of writing, I'm up to £1310. Hopefully, I'll have to raise the target again. I'm a prostate cancer sufferer myself so completing the challenge is the least I can do. My standard poodle Percy has agreed to help his 67 years-old dad complete the challenge and we are raring to go!"

Ian added: "For this challenge, I have engaged the services of the world-renowned coach, tactician, physio, sports psychologist and "pull-me-uphill-as-needed", Sir Percival Prancelot. Sir P will be involved in a goodly part of this endeavour – especially when my knee with the sausage-skin ligaments starts to complain.

"If you wish to support my effort, I am overwhelmingly grateful. However, the best support I could get is:

• If you haven't had a PSA test, then go for one (I understand if you wish to wait until the Covid beast has been tamed)

• If you've had a test in the past but not for a few years, then go get another one.

• And ladies on this list, harangue your lesser half until he goes for his PSA test!

•and remember the test takes 5 mins; the only potential downside is that nurse will look at you and whisper "little prick" (in the arm)

Donations can be made via <https://marchthemonth.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/geordie-exile-perambulates-for-prostate>



Roadmap out of lockdown gives hope for Lymm Historic Transport Day



THE government roadmap out of lockdown has given fresh hope to event organisers for this summer and one of the first to benefit could be Lymm Historic Transport Day on Sunday, June 27.

Event director Alan Williams explained: "There is, at last, a very real prospect of being able to go ahead but there is very little wiggle room in here. We are still absorbing this latest government announcement and can expect clarifications and changes in the weeks to come that might create complications.

"If the easing of restrictions is delayed at any stage by even a week we may yet find ourselves on the wrong side of that "no restrictions" date and, worst case, unable to go ahead – so fingers are firmly crossed. If we can proceed we may need to adapt and adjust to meet any remaining rules and to generally demonstrate good, safe practice.

"But it will all be worth it if it means a positive outcome so right now we are forging ahead with

arrangements."

Main Event Field manager John Parry added: "We really hope we can make this work and celebrate together with an event worthy of Lymm Historic Transport Day and Lymm in general."

The team already had the event "on ice", with traders, exhibitors and attractions all booked back in December.

The vast majority of these were originally scheduled for the cancelled 2020 event.

"We are sensing enormous enthusiasm from our car clubs and other vehicle owners. We would love to make it happen," added Chris Berg, vehicle co-ordinator.

The event is scheduled for June 27th. More information and regular updates at www.lymmtransport.org.uk



Cricketers gear up for new season - Covid permitting

LYMM Oughtrington Park Cricket Club open their season on April 17 in division 2 of the UKFast Cheshire League - Covid 19 permitting.

The club is looking forward to playing a full season, following the truncated competition last year when all divisions in the league were split into sub divisions based on geography rather than playing strength. Lymm finished ninth in division one North East - one place above local rivals Appleton.

There was no promotion or relegation as a result of the "Covid season" but Lymm play in the second division as a result of being relegated in 2019. The club will be mounting a big challenge to move back up to division one again.

The 1st XI fixtures are as follows: April 17: Winnington Park (H); 24: Langley (A); May 1: Heaton Mersey (A); 8: Weaverham (H); 15: Wilmslow (A); 22: Bunbury (H); 29: Middlewich (A).

June 5: Bredbury St Marks (H); 12: Knutsford (A); 19: Maritime (H); 26: Appleton (A).

July 3: Winnington Park (A); 10: Langley (H); 17: Heaton Mersey (H); 24: Weaverham (A); 31: Wilmslow (H).

August 7: Bunbury (A); 14: Middlewich (H); 21: Bredbury St Marks (A); 28: Knutsford (H).

September 4: Maritime (A); 11: Appleton (H).

Lymm Oughtrington Park 2nd XI play at home on the weeks the 1st XI are away. There are also Sunday and midweek friendly games and matches involving Lymm Oughtrington Park Women's XI, who play in the Cheshire Women's League.



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Lymm still rocking with Lymm Rocks!

LYMM Rocks, the community group of like-minded individuals who enjoy painting, finding and hiding rocks is still rocking and very busy during the pandemic.

You may have come across a Lymm Rock on your walks. Lymm Rocks was set up in April 2018, and members paint and varnish rocks and then hide safely locally to make others smile when they find one.

There is a message on the back of the rock asking the finder to post their find on the Facebook group 'Lymm Rocks', thereby sharing smiles with the previous hider and artist.

The theme at the moment is 'You are amazing', suggesting rocks are painted with this message to gift to others or to hide for others to find. Rock themes are only there as suggestions, Lymm Rocks love all rocks.

This theme will be followed by a virtual superhero race, and

following that, an Easter Monday virtual duck race and some fabulous easter holiday themes.

Over the lockdown months, Lymm Rocks have initiated many other projects to inspire creativity and to encourage people to still paint rocks, given some rockers were not comfortable hiding rocks at that time.

Recently the Lymm Rocks team asked for nominations of local Lymm business who have gone above and beyond for them over lockdown. A 'thank you' rock was painted and delivered to each nominated approximately 170 business.

Just before Christmas, just over 200 Lymm Rock fairies arrived in a secret Lymm location. Clues were posted each day in December giving Lymm rockers an idea of where to find them. Finders were asked to consider only taking one fairy away per family home, to spend Christmas with the fairy, and then rehide in the new year to brighten January for others.

Last summer saw Lymm Rocks working together with the team at the Heritage Centre to create a Lymm Rocks display. These rocks were painted by members of Lymm Rocks over the Summer of 2020 to show their favourite scenes of Lymm village. This was added to in November with further rocks celebrating how Lymm came

together in lockdown. These rocks are now permanently displayed outside the Heritage Centre.

In May of last year, the Lymm Rocks team between them painted and safely delivered around 250 rocks to those isolating alone. These rocks came with a message 'well meet again' to give comfort and hope during their time of shielding.

Events over the year have also included virtual online races. The latest virtual race is the Lymm Rocks duck race, to be held on Easter Monday. To enter this race; entrants

paint a duck on a rock and share a photo of the rock on the Lymm Rocks Facebook Group page. Last year the virtual duck race was a great success. Virtual races over the last year have included pets, fairy tale characters, superheroes, school sports day egg and spoon race, Olympics and a Lymm rocks Santa dash. There are no prizes, it's all just for fun.

There are always new events and themes, which you can keep up to date with by joining the Lymm Rocks Facebook group.



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Obituaries

Peter Daniels

THE funeral has taken place of Peter Daniels, aged 59, formerly of Lymm but more recently of of Armstrong Close, Locking Stumps, Warrington.

Peter lived, went to school and worked in Lymm and Heatley for most of his life. He died at home, suddenly and unexpectedly from pneumonia caused by Covid-19.

A skilled tool setter engineer, he leaves behind his father, Derek, elder brother David and family, his beloved wife Geraldine and his two stepsons Lee and Wesley.

The funeral service took place at Altrincham Crematorium on February 9.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.

Elizabeth Bennett

THE funeral has taken place of Elizabeth Bennett, nee Howarth, aged 79, of Rushgreen, Lymm, who died in Salford Royal Hospital on November 26.

Born in Lancashire, Elizabeth went to Stand Grammar School for Girls, Stamford Arms.

She was in the family business at Little Bollington for 20 years and then moved to Lymm for 35 years. She did market research for many years and enjoyed visiting National Trust properties.

She is survived by her grown-up family, David, Rebecca and Charlotte.

The funeral service took place

at Little Bollington Church on December 11.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.



Hetty James

THE funeral has taken place of Hetty James, aged 77, of The Limes, Booth's Hill Road, Lymm, who died in Warrington Hospital on January 26.

A very family orientated lady, Hetty had lived in and around Lymm for most of her adult life. She was extremely popular with her neighbours at The Limes.

She leaves a partner, Roy, three children, Paul, Helen and Stuart and seven grandchildren.

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