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THE toxic world of politics is in full swing with the Local Elections looming large.

Having reported on many elections during my 40 year career, things have always got a little heated but things appear to have been going from bad to worse in recent years.

I've lost count of the number of political scandals which have been making the press in recent weeks, many of them from unnamed leaked sources within political parties, or their associates.

My policy has been and always will be not to report on something unless I can verify the source.

Sadly some of my media colleagues in the national media don't take the same high moral ground - and then of course social media is a whole new ball game which has become the new political battle ground in recent years.

Personally I am politically

independent and will always work and support those I believe are attempting to do their best in the local community. Having served on an independent parish Cllr at nearby Appleton, I have first-hand experience of this, although after three years at the coal face I have decided not to stand again, with more pressing issues in my business and family life.

I wouldn't dream of trying to influence any of our readers on who they should vote for - although yet again most of the the national media don't hold back on carrying the flag for a mainstream party.

My main fear this time round, while we are still in the midst of a pandemic, apathy will win the day and most people won't bother to vote.

As it is, it is rare to get more than 50 per cent turnout in a local election, unless it is in tandem with a General Election. I believe in democracy and it is important that people turn out to vote for those they believe best suited to represent our community.

To those seeking election, if successful, please try and avoid getting involved in toxic politics dishing the dirt on your colleagues or bad mouthing the opposition.

Please just focus on representing your community and showing us what you can do while holding those in power to account in a positive and constructive way.

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Alfie on the road to recovery as family overwhelmed by generosity

AN 11-year-old boy who would have almost certainly been killed in a freak accident at Lymm, if it hadn't been for his cycle helmet, is back home with his family and on the road to recovery.

Alfie Chadwick, who suffered serious head injuries after colliding with a vehicle on Rush Green Road, Lymm, is already asking when he can go back to school to see his mates.

His parents Stephen and Dawn have been "blown away" by the support and generosity from the local community and are proud of their son's resilience, although he still has a long road to recovery ahead of him.

He suffered a fractured skull and doctors who performed surgery said the cycle helmet almost certainly saved his life.

Dad Stephen, who is using the incident to campaign about the importance of cycle helmets, said: "So far we are taking it day by day. He is taking lots of painkillers so he is comfortable but we need to always be with him whilst going to the toilet or up and down the stairs which he is only allowed once a day."

"He is in high spirits and we are all blown away by the level of generosity from people who have sent things to him such as sweets, Lego, balloons, flowers, a Sale Sharks kit, football cards and so much more including the massive go fund me page.

"We are all amazed by the generosity of our community and want to thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

"Alfie is already asking to go back to school to see all of his friends but that maybe some time

off."

His mum Dawn added: "Sincerest gratitude to everyone in Lymm for their tremendous support and outpouring of love and concern – it was just overwhelming.

"We had no idea of the extent of support we were receiving whilst we were in the hospital. Alfie will be well enough soon to be able to say thank you in person. He's a resilient young man with a long recovery road ahead of him."

Dawn also praised the level of care he received at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital which she says was nothing short of "amazing".

A crowdfunding page set up by a neighbour has raised over £1,300 to help buy Alfie a new bike and safety helmet.

Dad Stephen added: "Alfie is doing well, he has had his first consultation with the surgeon after being released from the hospital and they are happy with his progress. He is still having dizzy spells and is extremely tired if he walks for longer than half an hour but that is due to the extreme concussion which the surgeons said he has. He has slowly moved away from the stronger painkillers which is a great sign and he continues to get stronger each day.

"He misses his friends from school who have been visiting him at home but he wants to get back to normal he said. We continue to be amazed at the outpouring of kindness from everyone in the



Left to right back row - Mum dawn, Nathan (12) Abi (16) dad Stephen, Front row Zach (10) Alfie with thumbs up (11)

local community they have been amazing. A massive thank you from all of us.

"I will push on from here to make that section of road safe, there is obviously something wrong dating back years so we need to push forward with this and Alfie wants to be involved so that no one else is hurt. He has so far helped me put leaflets through doors in the local area, we can't wait for the next accident where maybe the end result is worse.

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Online monthly meetings due to Covid-19
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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 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

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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Volunteers wanted to help put safety first at Lymm Historic Transport Day



WITH the whole country taking important steps back towards resuming normal service with the reopening of non-essential shops and outdoor catering, organisers of the annual Lymm Historic Transport event are looking further ahead.

On June 27th, subject to the road map out of lockdown continuing to plan they aim to bring back one of Lymm's premier events - but are on the look out for more volunteers to help ensure safety first.

"We are putting a lot of thought and planning into ensuring the event is safe and follows all the guidelines" said event team leader Alan Williams.

"Very many people will have had their vaccines by then but we are hoping to give the whole village a shot in the arm with a day of fun and enjoyment.

"We have no shortage of exhibitors and attractions but this year we will need more volunteers

than ever to help things go smoothly and safely.

"We have had a great initial response from organisations like Round Table, Lymm Ladies Circle, The Litter Network and local Scout groups but we still need many more.

"We are really hoping that as many Lymm residents as possible will step forward to ensure we can put on a day to remember for the village.

"If you can help, for as little as three hours, any time from early morning into the evening find out and sign up here NOW.

lymmtransport.org.uk/volunteer



Village shopper bus service under new management

THE popular Lymm Shopper bus service is now under new management.

Previous operator JJ Travel gave up the franchise due to retirement and a new operator, Direct Taxis has taken over.

The person who has been driving the bus in recent weeks will continue and work for the new company.

Local campaigner Cllr Tim Martland said, "This is excellent news. I know many residents were anxious because they feared the service might stop altogether. The

service provides a vital function for older people all over the village.

"It enables people living in Broomeedge, Booths Hill, Statham and Heatley and places in between to get around the village and gain access to shops, medical centres and friends. As well as being a great benefit for local residents, the bus provides a boost for local businesses in the village.

"There have been a few changes to the timetable to include some additions to the areas served."

ANDY CARTER MP

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Julia expands eco-friendly Refill Round business

AFTER successfully launching her eco-friendly Refill Round business in Lymm, founder Julia Stansfield has now expanded into nearby Culcheth.

The Refill Round's mission is to help residents of Lymm and Culcheth and the surrounding areas avoid single-use plastic with their "delivery with a difference" refill business.

So far as The Refill Round founder, Lymm based Julia, is concerned, recycling isn't the answer to our plastic use.

"Only a fraction of the single-use plastic used is recycled and an even smaller fraction of that is done in the UK – and devastatingly vast amounts escape into our oceans. The Refill Round offers you an alternative to buying more plastic bottles. I deliver household cleaning and laundry products, plus a range of toiletries, in refillable glass bottles. Once they are empty and you are ready to order again I pick up the empties and drop off filled bottles, in freshly

sanitised bottles. It is very similar to a milk round! I also work with amazing eco-friendly suppliers who also operate brilliant closed-loop recycling systems".

Julia estimates since June 2020 over 2200 plastic bottles have been saved – "plus our products are eco-friendly and are cruelty-free. We also stock a range of plastic-free household extras, such as compostable kitchen sponges and reusable food wraps".

The Refill Round also wants to make refills accessible to everyone.

"Even as a keen refiller myself I often forgot to take my empty bottles out with me or struggled to carry them all home when full. This way you can simply order through my website, refillround.co.uk, and I deliver them to you. Zero fuss and zero waste."



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Lymm Twin Town Society host virtual twinning meeting

LYMM Twin Town Society took advantage of modern technology to hold a twinning event with their French twins in Meung sur Loire.

Sadly the main annual event of the Twin Town Society, the visit to Meung sur Loire, had to be cancelled last year.

Whilst the Covid restrictions are thankfully easing, it is now clear that the exchange will not take place in 2021 either.

Lymm Twin Town Society Chairman Chris Limb said: "Looking on the bright side, members in both France and the UK are all more often at home than normal and the internet works just as well for other countries as it does for across the road in Lymm. So we decided to have a virtual social evening with our French friends.

"It was not high culture but it was fun. We started with a little singing and had quite a few breaks for wishing each well with a glass of wine.

"But the main event was a game of bingo – it translates very easily with few words of the other language needed. L'entente cordiale is well – at least between Lymm and Meung even if not always between London and Paris!"



New heating approved for historic high school building

PLANNING chiefs have given the go-ahead for heating improvements in the historic heart of Lymm High School.

New installations will be fitted inside the Grade 2 Listed part of the school – the former Oughtrington Hall, which dates from around 1830 but which became part of the school – then a grammar school – in 1945.

Planners were told that without the heating improvements, the Oughtrington Hall block would be unsuitable for teaching and would probably have to be closed.

The improvements involve replacing the existing heating installations on the ground, first and second floors, carrying out the work without damaging or affecting the heritage aspects of the building in any way.

New radiators will be placed in the same locations as the

existing ones.

Overhead heaters will be installed above all the doorways at all entrances to the building which will prevent heat loss and excessive cold air entering the building.

Warm air rising means there will be no need for additional heaters

in corridors on the first and second floors.

The Listed portions of the building include an open stairwell and a library with a marble fireplace which has been ascribed to Adam and a Gothic glazed bookcase.



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Student steps out to help raise over £6,000 for cousin battling brain cancer

A LYMM High School student stepped out to help raise over £6,000 for her cousin who is battling the most aggressive stage four brain cancer.

With 32 people every single day diagnosed with a brain tumour, their lives are completely changed forever.

Unfortunately, in 2018 Lanna Nuttall's cousin Laura was one of those 32 people to find out they had a brain tumour.

Starting on the 15th February, the Year 13 student walked 32 miles every day for 5 days with friends to raise funds for her cousin's charity 'Doing it for Laura'.

"In 2018 my amazing cousin Laura was diagnosed with Glioblastoma Multiforme, which is the most aggressive Stage 4 brain cancer", said Lanna.

"She had just started studying at Kings College London, when her life was completely turned upside down." Laura had at least six brain tumours and had to move back home for life-saving brain surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy and immunotherapy (for which she has to travel to Cologne in Germany on a regular basis to receive).

"The prognosis is so poor for this cancer and she was given a maximum of 18 months to live.

However, two years later she is still amazing us all every day."

Determined not to let this awful disease beat her, Laura is now studying at the University of Manchester. She is also responding well to the immunotherapy treatment in Cologne.

This is great news although it does mean that she needs to continue to make the trips out to Germany on a regular basis. On the most recent trip they had to spend £1600 on Covid tests alone.

This extra expense and the cost of the immunotherapy treatment is funded through Laura's charity, which is why Lanna walked all those miles.

"I am walking so Laura can travel for Laura's life-saving treatment", said Lanna before half term.

"The sore feet will be so worth it! I would really appreciate if you could share this to spread the awareness of brain tumours and even donate! Everything adds up and it really is an amazing cause."

Lanna raised over £6000 during the 5 days of half-term.

"I genuinely couldn't have done

it without those that walked with me and supported me. Everyone has been so encouraging and lovely and that really helped!", said Lanna.

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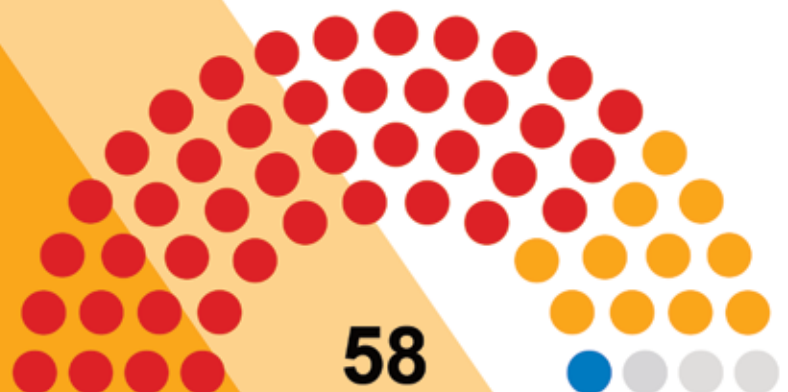


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- **Protecting the Green Belt**
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OUR OTHER PRIORITIES

- **More social care support**
- **Improved public transport**
- **Activities for young people**
- **Improved litter collections**
- **More effective pothole filling**
- **Community safety & policing**
- **More genuinely affordable housing**
- **Fair share of funding from Warrington**
- **More emphasis on walking and cycling**
- **Public consultation on changes to the village centre - use of The Cross, possible one-way systems and pedestrian areas?**



LYMM SOUTH (Lymm south of the Bridgewater Canal)

2 votes for Warrington Borough Councillors

6 votes for Lymm Parish Councillors

1 vote for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire



Graham Gowland



Tim Martland



Ann Johnstone



Ben Selwood



Sally Sharma



Joan Stocker

LYMM NORTH & THELWALL (Lymm north of the Bridgewater Canal)

3 votes for Warrington Borough Councillors

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1 vote for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire



Bob Barr



Wendy Johnson



Ian Marks



Chris East



Selina Kirkham



Julia Stansfield



Steve Towndrow

Twin boys robbed of their smiles raise over £17,000 for Muscular Dystrophy research

LYMM twins Oscar and Sebastian, who suffer from a rare form of muscular dystrophy which means they can sadly no longer smile, have now raised an incredible £17,000 towards research during lockdown.

The boys, who suffer from Facioscapulohumeral dystrophy (FSHD), a genetic muscle-wasting condition that primarily affects the face, shoulders and upper arms, which can also cause weakness in the legs and rest of the body, sold over 400 tickets for a raffle for an afternoon "G & Tea" prize at the Church Green pub recently.

With their recent schools fundraising and everything else they've done this year, they've now raised over £17k.

Proud mum Kerry said: "The condition is very cruel and makes it physically impossible for them to smile anymore so it's difficult to get a sense of how happy they are!

In February Oscar and Seb got their school - Cherry Tree Primary in Lymm - to "Go Bright in February" raising 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!

The boys were diagnosed in 2019 with facioscapulohumeral dystrophy (FSHD) - There is currently no cure or treatment for the condition.

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

Mum 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."

Muscular Dystrophy UK is the charity bringing individuals, families and professionals together to beat muscle-wasting conditions. Further details at <https://www.muscular dystrophyuk.org>



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 The Prime Minister. Securing a world leading vaccination programme means that we can look forward to remaining leisure and hospitality businesses 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!



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 cyclists.

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

Julia Leigh

Julia runs a business in Lymm with her husband and is involved with a number of different voluntary groups, using her skills to help charities and clubs in Lymm. Having raised her own family in the village, Julia has also campaigned to improve road safety while also encouraging more families to walk to school and help our local environment. Julia is keen to ensure that local retailers get every bit of support possible by kickstarting the recovery, reducing parking fees in the village to encourage everyone to shop locally.



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.



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New family homes plan approved for former nursery site



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PLANS have been approved for new family homes to be built in Warburton near Lymm on a former nursery site that has been vacant for more than two years.

Manchester-based P4 Planning has secured full planning permission on behalf of Edgefold Homes Ltd, who can now progress with the scheme, which is located on the former Panflora Nurseries Site.

The decision by Trafford Council follows the submission of plans to transform the 0.49ha site and paves the way for work to begin on an attractive new residential development comprising seven new homes.

The development will re-purpose a previously developed brownfield site, located within an area of Green Belt, into a high-quality, residential scheme. The Edgefold team not only demonstrated that the proposed scheme would have no greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt than the existing form, but that it would also make a positive contribution to the area; something which was recognised by supporters of the scheme which included the local Parish Councils.

Charlotte Fowler, Associate at P4 Planning, said: "We have worked

very closely with our client who has ensured the plans provide all the key elements to ensure the creation of a visually attractive scheme and one which meets all expectations and ambitions for the area. This announcement enables them to progress with the new homes and ensure this regeneration scheme becomes a reality."

The new dwellings, which have been designed by Bowker Sadler Architects, will replace existing workshop and storage structures that have been vacant for over two years. Ken Whitaker, Director of Edgefold Homes, said: "We are looking forward to making a start and seeing the transformation get underway. By re-purposing the site we can help meet the pressing need for family homes in the area, and continue with our vision of creating attractive new homes with interesting designs, in great locations."

The wider team included Chadkirk Consulting, TPM Landscape, Rachel Hacking Ecology and transport consultants, SCP.

Planners give go-ahead for changes to historic Lymm Hall

PLANNING chiefs have given the go-ahead for a number of alterations to The Shippon at historic Lymm Hall.

The proposed changes are said to have a beneficial impact on the setting of the Grade 2* Listed Lymm Hall and a negligible impact on the Lymm Village Conservation Area.

They involve removing a conservatory built in 1995 and replacing it with a more appropriate orangery.

Although the hall and some other old buildings are Listed, the Shippon is unlisted. It was built sometime between 1837 and 1875, and is believed to have been built by the family of William Battersby, who owned the Hall around that time.

It was originally intended for part residential and part service use.

In addition to replacing the existing conservatory, there are other alterations proposed, including an improved front porch and the removal of timber-clad roof dormers.

A number of internal improvements are also proposed.

Lymm Hall dates from the 11th century but the building has undergone many changes and alterations over the years.



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Popular Bears Paw welcome guests back with revamped outdoor space

THE popular Bears Paw Inn near Lymm is welcoming guests back to their revamped outdoor space after benefiting from a joint investment by Publicans Jason and Mel Craig and Punch Pubs & Co as part of their Inside|Outside investment scheme.

Punch designed the scheme, investing over £1M into hundreds of their pubs' outdoor spaces, to enable Publicans to maximise the opportunity of trading safely outside in line with Government guidance.

Over the past year, Jason and Mel have worked hard to remain at the heart of their community at High Legh, near Lymm. They recognised the importance of providing an outdoor space to keep guests safe, so set to work on their beer garden. The pair have rejuvenated the Bear Paws' outdoor area, with it now boasting a variety of spaces for

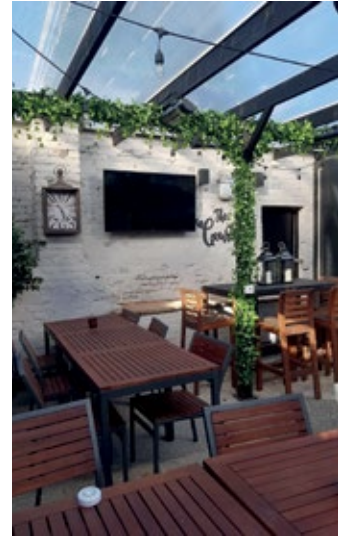
guests to enjoy. They started last year with an open space that comprised of a few picnic benches and parasols. They added a pergola with a roof and retractable sides to enable guests to enjoy the outdoor space in all weather. The vision grew, and over the Christmas period, it became a true winter wonderland. The team reshuffled the area to enable them to welcome the same number of socially distanced guests outdoors as they could inside. Decked with cosy throws, candles, festooned lighting and heating, guests enjoyed an authentic al fresco experience.

As the weather improves, the Bears Paw will adapt by replacing hot chocolates with gin and tonic. Their outdoor space will take on an orangery theme, with stunning plants and bright bric-a-brac, enabling guests to enjoy the pub, with the option of shelter and warmth, if the British weather insists on it!

As well as the transformed courtyard space, the pub will open the brand-new Shack. The Shack offers covered seating for up to eight people and is ideal for private bookings. The Bears Paw will also open its grassed beer garden with

plenty of picnic-style seating. Jason said: "We're so pleased with all the changes we've been able to make to our outdoor space. We've always seen great potential in this fantastic area, and we're so pleased we've finally taken the plunge and upgraded it! We have designed two amazing outdoor concepts we can rotate every year, meaning the pub will always match guests' requirements according to the seasons. We've done everything we can to provide our guests with a natural pub experience, and we can't wait to see them back here".

Operations Manager Jenni O'Grady added, "It's been fantastic to work with Jason and Mel as part of the Inside|Outside scheme. Whilst this has been a tough year for everyone in the pub industry, it has enabled us to adapt our businesses and make changes that guests can enjoy for years to come".



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Obituaries

Michael Clayton

THE funeral has taken place at St Winifride's RC Church, Lymm, of Michael (Mike) Clayton, aged 78, of Statham Drive, Lymm who died at home on March 28.

Mike served in the RAF for 24 years, from 1959 to 1983. He is survived by his wife, Angela, daughter Sarah, son Paul and grandsons Will and Ted.

He was an active member of

St Winifride's Church, a former chairman of Lymm churches Together, a governor and chairman of St Wilcent's School for the Blind in Liverpool and a member of Lymm Lions.

He loved walking and gardening.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons, of Lymm.

George Riley

THE funeral has taken place of George Joseph Riley, aged 89, of Lymm, who died at home on March 4.

Mr Riley, who had worked all his life as a civil servant in the North West, is survived by his six children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and two brothers. He was a loving husband to the late Denise Riley.

An active member of Lymm St Vincent de Paul Society, he was also a keen gardener.

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