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Editor's Comment

FINGERS crossed we are on track for some kind of return to normality in the coming weeks with COVID-19 infections generally decreasing and lockdown restrictions easing.

You've no idea how refreshing it has been to write some positive stories in this month's issue about some of our community events set to return, including Lymm Festival, Lymm Transport Day and Lymm Rushbearing!

These events are the fabric of our community and help make Lymm unique and one of the best places to live in the whole country!

And its not just me saying it various recent surveys have flagged Lymm and Warrington as the Number one place to live and work!

It's been a torrid time for many since March last year including the local business community - so it is more important than ever that as restrictions ease we all do what we can to support the local community

events and local economy.

Now is a time for us all to pull together and ensure we are there for those who need our support and help.

help.

It is also important for our local politicians to draw a line in the sand and move forward in a positive way following some very toxic politics in the build up to the local elections.

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Putting politics aside I would like to congratulate all candidates who were successful in the local elections and a special mention to Cllr Kath Buckley, on her promotion to leader of the opposition on Warrington Borough Council.

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I have known Kath for many years and I am confident she will do her best for Lymm and fly the flag for the village at every opportunity.

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Finally a big thank you to Lymm Parish Council, Lymm High School and the various community organisations and businesses who have continued to support Lymm Life throughout the pandemic which has had a major impact on a publishing industry which was already struggling pre-pandemic.

I am pleased to say with have come through the storm and will hopefully be able to continue bringing you your local community news and advertising in print for a long time to come!

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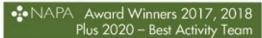














Dawn of a new era with change of dynamics at Warrington town hall

THE dawn of a new era has been heralded at Warrington town hall with a change in dynamics, which saw the Tories become the official opposition after making gains from the Lib Dems and Labour.

Lymm based Kath Buckley, who has been the lone Conservative on the Borough Council for the past five years, will now be leader of the opposition group, with her own office at the town hall.

The results saw their numbers increase from just one to 11, with the controlling Warrington Borough Council Labour group on 36, the Lib Dems on eight and three independents.

The Tories, who took three seats The lories, who took three seats off Labour at Culcheth, Croft & Glazebury, including Labour Cabinet member Matt Smith, also made a gain from Labour in Chapelford & Old Hall, where Cabinet member Rebecca Knowles lost her seat to Linda Butler.

They also made two gains from Labour in Rixton & Woolston where veteran Cllr Pat Wright and former

MP and Mayor Faisal Rashid lost out to Joshua Dixon and Phil Eastry. Labour also lost out in Penketh & Cuerdley where local independents won all three seats.

Following a recount, the Tories made one gain in Birchwood where Cabinet member Judith Guthrie lost her seat to Tory Nigel Balding by just three votes!

Commenting her

appointment Kath said:"Thank you to everyone who has voted for me. I have been proud to have served the community of Lymm South for the last six years as Borough Councillor, and I look forward to continuing my hard work over this forthcoming term. I am committed to continuing my community work which includes my work as Chair of Lymm May Queen, I sit on the committees of local charities, I am a governor at Lymm High School and most recently Church Warden of St Mary's Church. "At times it has been difficult being

the lone Conservative opposition voice on the Council. As Leader of the Opposition, I will be working with our newly elected hardworking talented Conservative Ward Councillors, across the whole of the Borough. I have been impressed with the range of skills and enthusiasm that our new Councillors have. On the doorstep, all over Warrington, residents were telling us they wanted change at the Council and this was reflected in the support residents gave to Conservative Candidates across the Borough. Our team will now hold

the Labour group to account.
"I am pleased and proud that I have retained my role as a Parish Councillor on Lymm Parish Council and I will continue to work hard for all of the residents of Lymm. Hopefully, in the future more of my party will join me on the Parish Council but at local level we should always be working together as a team for the benefit of

Borough Council Election Results:

Lymm North & Thelwall – 3 seats Bob Barr, Liberal Democrats 2129 Chris Brownhill, Labour 900 Stephen Chadwick 1211 *Wendy Johnson, Liberal Democrats

Julia Leigh, Conservatives 1210 Roger Longton, Conservatives 1100 *lan Marks, Liberal Democrats 2013 Marc Rufus, Labour 601 Ken Wormald, Labour 657

Lymm South – 2 seats Cheryl Anderson, Labour 296 *Kath Buckley, Conservatives 1119 Trish Cockayne, Labour 382 Liberal *Graham Gowland, Democrats 1019 Joe Griffiths, Independent 239 Tim Martland, Liberal Democrats 895 lan Pemberton, Conservatives 859

Parish Council Lymm (North) *Bob Barr (LD) – 1571 votes Stephen Chadwick – 706 votes

- *Chris East (LD) 1238 votes
- *Selina Kirkham (LD) 1264 votes
- *lan Marks (LD) 1518 votes *Julia Stansfield (LD) 1081 votes
- *Steve Towndrow (LD) 1217 votes

Lymm (South)

Cheryl Anderson (LAB) – 366 votes *Kath Buckley (CON) – 1157 votes Trish Cockayne (LAB) – 507 votes *Graham Gowland (LD) - 1409 votes

*Ann Johnstone (LD) - 1183 votes Julia Leigh (CON) – 905 votes *Tim Martland (LD) – 1270 votes Ian Pemberton (CÓN) - 954 votes *Ben Selwood (LD) - 1076 votes *Sally Sharma (LD) – 1167 votes Joan Stocker (LD) – 989 votes

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Kath Buckley with local MP Andy Carter.





What's On

in conjunction with Lymm Parish Council

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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday June 8th, 7:30pm Lymm Parish Hall Check www.lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk for

LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUBLymm 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

Every second Wednesday, 2-4pm at Lymm Youth and Community Centre. Visitors

LYMM BOOK CLUB

Second Thursday of the month 7.30pm Spread Eagle, Eagle Brow. Details 01925

4LYMM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION

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

LYMM AND DISTRICT MIXED VOICE CHOIR

Every Wednesday 7.30 Lymm Methodist Church. Contact 01925 601664. cath@cstones.co.uk

PROBUS CLUB OF LYMM

A small, friendly social club for retired people. Meets on second and fourth Tuesdays at

Details: www.LymmProbus.club



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Tuesday June 8th, 7:30pm See parish council website for details.

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Lymm Transport Day is back... with advance ticketing!

SINCE its inception back in 2013 Lymm Historic Transport Day has grown to become the latest in a long list of annual events that marks out Lymm as a special place to live and to visit.

organisers were So organisers were delighted when, after the huge disappointment of last year, the government roadmap offered the possibility of Transport Day being one of the first post-Step 4 events in the area.

"It has certainly not been easy." explained Event Director, Alan Williams. "The whole idea of going ahead was reviewed thoroughly by the group before we finally decided that there was much to be gained and little to be lost by at least proceeding with planning. There are still hurdles to cross and the green light for Step 4 has yet to be lit. But if and when it is the team will be ready with an event that promises to be a memorable day for all."

The focus this year will be local. A collection of "blue light" vehicles through the ages will recognise the fantastic work of the emergency services over the past year while a block allocation of free tickets has been made to some of the team who stepped forward to create and run "Leave No-one Behind" in Lymm during lockdown. The local theme continues with the volunteers. As well as dozens of individuals the organisers are working with teams From local scout groups, Lymm Litter Network, Lymm Round Table and Lymm Ladies Circle to ensure the day is well stewarded to create a safe environment for all. If you would like to join the team go to lymmtransport.org.uk/volunteer. "Inevitably there will be a couple of changes" Field Manager, John Parry told us. "We are skipping the drive in this year and we will not be staging any arena style events on the field. But in their place we will have a range of surprise attractions with the accent on family fun. We feel sure that no-one will be disappointed. It is going to be quite an emotional occasion as the village comes together for the first

time in over a year."

One other important difference this year is that organisers are urging people to buy their wristbands in advance at www. lymmtransport.org.uk. The event may be subject to a capacity limit may be subject to a capacity limit so purchasing in advance is the only way to ensure your place. It will also mean far less queuing on the day and will help things run smoothly. Buy your tickets at lymmtransport.org.uk and they will be sent out to you. They are also on sale at the Heritage Centre on lead sale at The Heritage Centre on Legh St, Thursday to Sunday 1 to 5pm. Refunds are guaranteed if the event has to be cancelled before the day

for any reason.

With the prospect of historic boats, steam engines, Lego and model railways as well as all the attractions on the May Queen Field it promises to be the first "don't miss" event in Lymm since Carols round the Cross in 2019! More, including tickets, at www.

lymmtransport.org.uk

Beechwood Industries - Your local experts in domestic tree services

The Tree Services division of Beechwood industries has been providing a comprehensive range of domestic tree services for the last

12 years.
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The department is managed by Matt Edge who has over 17 years of industry experience and is qualified to degree level. His depth of knowledge is underpinned by a passion for the natural environment and ensures that customers get the

best possible advice on your trees.
All of the Beechwood team are fully qualified and experienced and are truly passionate about trees. In fact, one of their team members is so passionate about trees that he's even set up his own YouTube channel - Matt Glynn The Biking Arborist - to record'his experiences working under the canopy of trees!

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receive on their work

Janet- Appleton, Warrington
The team were amazingly well skilled and the large Beech tree in our back garden has never looked better

Louise- Worsley, Salford 'Very pleased with professional service that was provided and even more impressed by how clean and tidy the garden was after the works'

To speak with a member of the team about a free quote simply call 01925 860544.





Family's lockdown plant business grows strong roots

A LYMM-based husband and wife team who launched a family house plant business during lockdown will soon be celebrating their first anniversary and have already sold more than 1,000 plants!

Kat and Paul Reynolds launched Three Little Leaves last August, selling 150 plants in month one.

Collaborating with a number of local artists and makers and attending several markets, they have built some fantastic relationships with customers.

The idea for the business grew when Kat spotted a gap in the market after searching for a number of house plants during lockdown and being unable to find them.

With Kat's experience in marketing and PR, and Paul's experience in banking, finance and business, the couple began to develop a supplier network and self-funded the initial investment into stock and collateral.

Threelittleleaves.co.uk offers a wide selection of sustainably grown houseplants and a range of locally made plant pots, illustrations and gifts. The pair have built relationships with a number of independent artists and local businesses, stocking their work as part of their offering. All items are delivered within a 25-mile radius of their home in Lymm, with free delivery on orders over £20.

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Every element of the business is managed by the couple, from photography and design, to handwritten care guides and plant delivery. Their ambition is to establish a loyal consumer and business customer base across the North West, and in time introduce a number of monthly

plant subscriptions and extend their supplier network, to create a site that champions independent artists and makers. In addition, the pair want to consult and advise local businesses who may be looking to green their workspace, whether it's ordering a few plants for their desks and home offices, or larger corporates looking to transform their office environment. Kat said: "Lockdown created

Kat said: "Lockdown created a period of anxiety for so many, myself included – I was hoping to buy a few plants to brighten up the house and essentially cheer myself up. After a lot of research, I couldn't find quite a few of the plants I was looking for, which is where the idea really grew from. We spent several months doing our research and used our own savings to invest in stock. It was quite a nervous few weeks when we first launched the site but we've been absolutely blown away by the response.

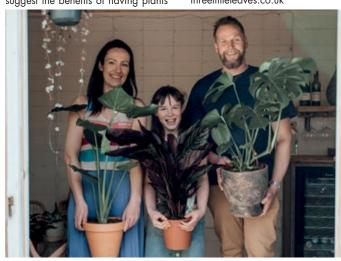
This is very much a family business, even our daughter has got involved in the social media and at a local market we attended – we want to get to know our customers and for them to know us to build a community. We don't want to be a faceless entity, we want our personality to come through in every aspect of the business, which is why we hand write the care guides and do all the packaging and deliveries ourselves."

Paul added: "When we were developing the concept for Three Little Leaves, we did consider launching regionally and then rolling out nationally once we'd established ourselves. Upon reflection, we decided we want to stay within the North West. Delivering nationally will have a much bigger carbon footprint and there are a lot of brilliant house plant businesses already doing a great job. We're going to focus on creating a reputation regionally, developing the brand and offering, and hopefully becoming a go-to for those who want to order their house plants online.

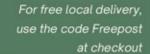
"There is a lot of research to suggest the benefits of having plants in the workspace, from reducing stress levels, absences and sickness to improving air quality, increasing productivity, creativity and having a general positive impact on colleagues' mental wellbeing. As part of our growth strategy, we're hoping to develop relationships within the SME and corporate market and offer a bespoke service to cater for their requirements, big or small."

Kat added: "We've really appreciated the local support and are looking forward to year two in business!"

To find out more, head to the Three Little Leaves website www. threelittleleaves.co.uk



We Are Three Little Leaves. A local online house plant shop, based in Lymm





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Climate Emergency sees Lymm turning over a new leaf!

THE term Climate Emergency is the subject of great discussion at present and now a new umbrella group has been formed in Lymm bringing together 12 voluntary organisations who share the same environmental concerns.

One constantly hears of climate change conferences, such as the United Nations Climate Change Conference (Cop 26) later this year, and of action groups such as Greenpeace and Extinction Rebellion.

Here in Lymm, there are over 12 local voluntary organisations contributing to help the environment who share a common belief that "actions speak louder than words".

In an effort to unify these groups under one umbrella, a collective organisation has been formed called L E A F - Lymm Environment Action Forum - where the accent

will be on Action.
LEAF will aim to encourage all residents - in Lymm & District - to "turn over a new leaf" and do everything they possibly can to reduce the carbon footprint of their reduce the carbon tootprint of their homes and businesses to net zero carbon within the next 10 years. The launch of L E A F will take place on Saturday 26th June 2021

at Lymm Hub, the new site name comprising Lymm Library, Lymm Sanctuary Hub and Lymm Business

The launch will coincide with two further events promoting positive environmental messages. On Thursday 24th and Friday 25th June, a two-day IT Recycling Scheme will run from the Hub inviting local people to drop off old and unwanted IT equipment for safe regulars and dispersions.

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On Sunday 27th June, L E A F will remain in place outside the Hub as a complementary satellite exhibition to Lymm Historic Transport Day which takes place that day. A further part of the L E A F exhibit will move onto the May Queen field where it will feature and hydrogen-fuelled vehicles.

Entrance to the L E A F launch exhibition will be free and there will be experts on hand to answer the many questions which we are sure residents will have. The exhibition will involve a number of partner organisations including Low Carbon Lymm, Lymm Community Energy, Friends of Spud Wood, Plastic Free Lymm, and Lymm Transition Village and it will feature a variety of topics including tree planting, solar panels, energy-efficiency advice, repair shop, a "why buy new" occasional use equipment library, electric vehicles and charging points, and hydrogen vehicle technology. There will also be experts on hand to answer the

be a trailer-mounted exhibit from Hero Renewables of Middlewich which will feature alternative energy technologies, including insulation, underfloor heating, and air & ground source heat pumps.

Beyond the initial launch event in June, plans are in place to liaise with schools and youth groups to share information and activities with families and there will be regular information and activity events hosted at the Hub open to

events nosted at the FIUD open to all local residents.

To obtain further details about LEAF, its partner organisations and projects, or to get involved in supporting future initiatives, please contact Ray Banton representing LEAF on 07831 271847 or Propose representing lymm Richard Pearce representing Lymm Sanctuary Hub on 07976 352914 or email' eco@lymmsanctuaryhub.





Heritage Centre prepares to welcome 20,000th visitor

WHEN Lymm Heritage Centre last closed its doors to visitors due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was on the point of receiving its 20,000th visitor.

That elusive milestone will almost certainly be passed when the Centre opens its doors again on Thursday May 20th in line with Step 3 of the government roadmap.

Those doors may have been closed to the public but the volunteer team who run the Centre have been taking the opportunity to carry out a huge amount of development work behind the scenes that take the exhibition space to a whole new level.

new level.

At the Digital Kiosk visitors can become the projectionist at the Lymm Cinema and choose from a range of short videos depicting Lymm over the past 150 years as well as exploring over 3,000 documents and photographs on a large touchscreen that brings local history to life.

A new Traditions display celebrates Lymm's unique combination of village events and customs from the eccentric annual Soul Caking to the ever popular May Queen and also including Rushbearing and Morris Dancing. The exhibit includes some fascinating artefacts, each with its own story to tell like the 1875 Rushbearing Cup that went round the world before finding its way home to Lymm.

The Centre also gives a fascinating insight into the history of Lymm's Slitting Mill while a diorama model of the building of the Ship Canal allows visitors to operate a tiny steam engine working on the construction.

Visiting families will receive a free "Fun Stuff To Do" booklet.

But of course, the real history is

out there in the village. The Time Traveller's Handbook takes families on an exploration of the village that even has a prize if you can solve all the mysteries.

For those who can't get to the Centre then LyDiA, thelymmarchive. co.uk is the perfect way to find out more about Lymm.

Another casualty of the pandemic has been the education visits so popular with local schools. So the Centre is looking forward to relaunching its "We Love Our

Canal" sessions for local schools in the build-up to Transport Day in lune

The Centre has announced that ALL education visits from now and throughout the next school year will be free of charge thanks to financial support from so many sources.

Do make sure you call in soon in to experience the Lymm Story. Maybe you would even like to get more involved as a volunteer. Discover more at lymmhic.co.uk

Lymm Festival returns – with live events!

A little bit of normal life will soon be coming to the village as Lymm Festival returns from 24th June to 4th July.

Last year's live events had to be cancelled due to the pandemic situation but a few virtual events were delivered with great success.

The organising group has worked hard to create a safe and suitable programme that nonetheless offers the usual variety of events and activities. This will include online and outdoor programming, but also plenty of socially-distanced indoor events that will appeal to those keen to get out of the house and back into venues.

Whilst there will not be as many events as in previous years, there

will be a mixture of old favourites together with some exciting new events, with a focus on local talent and community participation. There will be lots of music for every taste, comedy, art, literature and even some science that will fascinate all ages, and a special quest!

On the music side, there will be some great blues, folk and even humorous music as well as classical. The Eblana Trio, trained at Royal Northern College of Music, will give a string recital and there will also be a concert especially for children with The Story of Anansi.

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Outdoor favourites such as the Historic Transport Day, Open Gardens and Scarecrow Trail will also be returning, with appropriate social-distancing measures in place.

You can get involved in the Festival now by submitting an entry for the Scarecrow Trail or entering the community Poetry Competition - prizes of up to £50 to be claimed!

Full details of all events can be found at lymmfestival.org.uk, where you can also buy tickets.



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American Golf buys High Legh Golf Club for £2.7m

WARRINGTON-based American Golf, has purchased High Legh Park Golf Club in a £2.7m deal, marking the first time the retailer has owned an entire golf complex.

A retail outlet, golf courses, conference and event facilities and a food and beverage offering are included in the complex.

The latest of many significant site

investments for American Golf in the last six months, the business recently invested £650,000 in its Trafford superstore in Greater Manchester and overhauled its stores in Milton Keynes and Hull, as well as creating a new flagship store in New Malden, Surrey, with its revamped Netherley,

Chief executive Gary Favell said:
"High Legh Park Golf Club is a
seamless addition to our site portfolio
and being in such close proximity

to our own Cheshire headquarters, it aligns perfectly with our growth

strategy. "We're "We're looking forward to investing in the site for the local community and to provide members with the very best facilities. The site appeals perfectly to both male and female players of all abilities – and we're even more excited about the potential of the Junior Academy, which will inspire and develop future golfers. High Legh Park Golf Club is the perfect site for us to continue

widening the sport's appeal."

Tom Marriott, HMH Golf & Leisure, said: "This is a fantastic new facility for American Golf to grow its brand and presence in the market. The sale generated a number of interested parties, however the existing on-site shop of American Golf made this sale a natural fit."

Bronze awards for six Brownies

SIX members of the 6th Lymm Brownies have been awarded their Brownie Bronze Award. They are the first Brownies in the unit to receive this award and their leaders are so proud of their achievements - especially

during the pandemic.

Leaders were very keen that the Brownies continued to meet and the 6th Lymm Brownies took to virtual delivery last March to keep in touch and engage in Guiding activities.

Activity packs were distributed to each girl and activities adapted to a virtual programme. In the autumn, they returned to outdoor face to face meetings and went on a scavenger hunt and had a storytelling campfire until restrictions changed once again and they returned online. Since the end of March they have again been meeting face to face outside.

A spokesperson for 5th Lymm Brownies said: "We have been doing

so much this past year but there are some highlights.

"In May last year we were joined

by a volunteer from Lymm Heritage Centre to learn more about wartime in Lymm. The girls created their own poppy designs and completed other poppy designs and completed offer activities to commemorate and earn their VE75 badge. The Brownies took an interest in the Grow Your Own badge and last year some grew sunflowers from seedlings supplied by E Smith and Sons, grew plants from vegetable scraps and designed their own gardens. In the last couple of weeks, the Brownies have been showing off their green fingers once again and have planted some flower and vegetable seeds, which they are now growing at home.

"The Brownies who have earned their Brownes who have earned their Bronze award are still working on other themes and may complete their Silver award before the summer when they move up to Guides. The rest of the unit are hard at work aiming for their Bronze award."

The six award winners are Neve, Mathilda, Naomi, Evie, Lucia and Isla-Rose.

The 6th Lymm Brownies will have some spaces available after the summer so anyone with a daughter interested in joining can register interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk/ information-for-parents/register-yourdaughter. Brownies starts from age sevenand Rainbows start from age five but it is not necessary to wait until they turn seven to register them.

Girlguiding is looking for new volunteers to help support units and so anyone interested in becoming a volunteer or a leader should contact Lymm District by emailing lymmguiding@gmail.com





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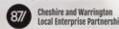
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Memoirs help raise over £4,000 for good causes

LYMM resident "Lord Alan Gibson of Hougan Manor" has raised more than £4,000 for good causes by publishing his life story.

What started out as sporting memoirs was extended to include his love of theatre, music, friendship and other interesting aspects of his life, resulting in "The Life and Times of 'Lord Alan Gibson of Hougan Manor.

Manor."
Initially a limited edition, he has distributed one hundred and fifty copies raising £4,200 so far in support of Cancer charities, St Roccos and Lymm Rugby club.
Lifelong Spurs fan Alan, said: "It

is said there is a book - a life story in each of us and I am pleased to have fulfilled this mantra.

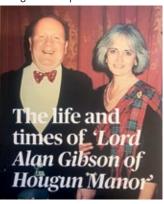
Born in Welwyn Garden City in 1946, a year after VE Day, the book contains his sporting memories, as he was born into a family of Spurs supporters, albeit he lived closer to Highbury, home of Arsenal.

He was advised to carry a tennis ball at all times as his dad told him if you can control a tennis ball, you will have no problem with a football."

The same tennis ball helped him enhance his cricket skills as well.

He lists his golden year of sport as a player and fervent fan as 1954-1968.

The book has been written for the enjoyment of his family and friends enjoyment of his family and triends and to help raise funds for The Prostate Cancer Society, Cancer Research UK, St Rocco's Hospice and Lymm Rugby Club. Anyone interested in ordering a copy of the book can contact Alan at algibson@supanet.com



Marge (and Connie the Crab) raise money for marine charity

WHEN Marge Caine's 80th birthday turned up she decided to celebrate the

occasion by publishing her first-ever book – Connie the Crab.
She was taking part in a University of the Third Age (U3A) art group course, via Zoom because of COVID when the topic to paint one week was a seascape.
"I'm no good at seascapes or any kind of scape, so I decided a crab would just have to do," said Marge, of Lymm.
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Thus was born "Connie the Crab Queen" and Marge became so fond of her she decided to spend the lockdown writing and illustrating a book about her. Now "Connie the Crab Queen of Colwyn Bay" is on sale for £12.99, with all proceeds going to the Marine Conservation Society, a small charity doing a huge job cleaning up the seas and shores around the UK. The book is aimed at children aged 4-9 and Grandma's and is full of Marge's beautiful, colourful pictures and easy-to-follow story.

Connie is a kind and caring crab who worries about the baby crabs and other sea creatures not surviving in the unhealthy environment created by people leaving litter on beaches.

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There are lots of pictures of Connie and her friends, Sammy the Shrimp, Claude the Crab and handsome Prince Carlos who asks Connie to marry him. There is also a section with facts about crabs, written by marine biologist.

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Alm of the book is raise awareness about the need to keep beaches safe for children and for sea creatures.

Marge said: "I was given so much encouragement by the Lymm U3A art group, friends and family, to publish Connie because it concerns the very real issues of today. It was around the time of my 80th birthday so I decided to take the plunge and publish my first-ever book."

The book is available from Tell Tale Books, Long Barn Local Centre, Padgate,



Runner completes 100 miles in one week in memory of her brother

LYMM Runner Sandra Wescombe-Donnelly recently completed the challenge of her life, by running 100 miles in one week in memory of her brother and raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

This was 7 days in 7 runs to 7 destinations to toast her late brother, Al, on what would have been week of his 43rd birthday. At

each destination, which included Winsford, Didsbury and Prestbury, she met with various of her brother's friends to raise a glass in his memory.

Rugby club sparks into life

AFTER what seems to be an interminable period of lockdown, Lymm Rugby Club has emerged with a full schedule of enthusiastic training and rugby

games.
A superb 'Ready 4 Rugby' tournament took place recently on the Artificial Grass Pitch with over 70 senior and Colts players taking part.
The Mini and Junior sections have already commenced training with sessions held on both the AGP and pitches every Sunday from 9.30am, and the season has been extended to Sunday 30th May.
The Senior and Colts squads had a multi-game home fixture with Wirral RFC recently involving Mixed Colts, Social, 2s and 1st XV. A return fixture at Wirral has also been agreed on Saturday May 22nd, KO 3pm. Similar fixtures with Northwich RFC are also under discussion, provisionally for June 5th.

Senior training has been enjoyed for a few weeks, with up to 80 players attending, and are held every Tuesday night from 7pm. This includes the Colts Academy, Senior squad and social teams all training, and social touch

rugby takes place from 8.15pm.

A social team has also been entered into the Macclesfield Sevens on 10th July and a 1st team squad will compete in the Bowdon Sevens on July 24th. Planning for the senior squad for next season has already started, and the

management is looking at potential pre-season friendlies.

'Our players are excited about getting back on the pitch and competing once more,' commented Director of Rugby, Adam Fletcher. 'All new players are welcomed with open arms for what looks like another exciting season at Lymm Rugby Club.'

Sandra has so far raised over £2,200 for Macmillan. She said: "With pubs reopening, he would have been spending his 43rd birthday week catching up with his favourite people for a birthday drink.
"His 42nd birthday was spent

in hospital, in isolation part way through a marathon of 10 days of 24/7 chemo. Birthday tea in a box, alcohol-free beer and a family Zoom party with added snail racing was not what he deserved.

Sandra added: "Thanks to Macmillan Cancer Support, we were able to bring Al home to our house under the Hospice at Home scheme. He spent late July and early August sat in the sun in our garden with his family and friends surrounded by (socially-distanced!) love and

laughter. She was accompanied supported on her runs by various Lymm Runner members, some of her brother's friends and, fortunately, a lot of lovely sunshine. The link for anyone

wishing to donate is https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROSomeon eSpecialPage?pageUrl=AlanWesco







Lymm Rushbearing set to return!

ORGANISERS are confident the ancient Lymm Rushbearing Festival, re-born in the early 1970s, will return to the village on Sunday August 8th.

This year (subject to unforeseen restrictions) the event will start at the Lower Dam at 4pm and then walk along The Dingle accompanied by Morris dancers and music.

They will then meet up again at St Marys for more dancing before a short service at about 4.30pm

For many years in the twentieth century Rushbearing Monday was a local bank holiday.

Ormerod's late Victorian history of Cheshire refers to the festival taking place in many communities on or near to the feast of the parish's patron saint – hence Lymm's tradition of having the festival during the summer holiday period and close to the feast of the Assumption of Saint Mary Assumption of Saint Mary.

Although the carrying of fresh

rushes to church (normally on a

horse-drawn cart) was a central feature, and the replacement of the old rushes upon the earthen church floor a very practical necessity in former days, this gathering of locals also involved festivities including not only the procession and Morris dancing but also sports, fairground stalls, and very full public houses!

Lymm's grey horses were well-known and a Lymm Grey is a person of an established local family, normally at least third generation born in Lymm.

The procession includes Morris men, people carrying Rushbearing garlands and rushes, the Chairman of the Parish Council and councillors, the May Queen and various local groups.

It is medieval in its origins

and Lymm is one of a very small number of communities which have maintained this tradition.

For any further information contact Christopher Limb, email c.1203@hotmail.co.uk

Obituaries

Fond farewell to Lymm Tennis Club stalwart Mike Dyble

FAMILY and friends have bid a fond farewell to Lymm Tennis Club stalwart Mike Dyble, one of the founding members of a Manchester marketing agency behind the launch of iconic brands including Transformers and My Little Pony in the UK in the 1980s.

Mike, aged 84, died in Warrington Hospital recently with his family by his bedside.

He was a keen member of Lymm Tennis Club, still playing in his eighties and recently coordinating the clubhouse renovations and floodlights. He was also a regular at the Chicago Teddybears' jazz

Mike is survived by his wife Pauline and his four children, Mark, Amanda, Jacqueline and Nigel, as well as his eight grandchildren.

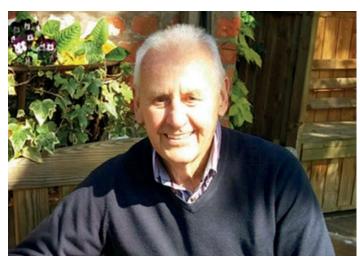
The funeral took place at Lymm Baptist Church, on 'May 4th 'and funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.

In his business lifé Mike was one of the founding members of Manchester agency BDH and Piccadilly Radio Chairman.

Nine years after it was founded in 1964, BDH moved to Oakland House in Old Trafford, becoming the biggest independent agency outside of London.

Mike had always had a passion for the toy industry, and BDH often had a toy account on its books. He helped successfully launch the Transformers and My Little Pony brands in the mid-80s.

Later in life, he was also a Director at Bauer Radio's Cash For Kids, a network of local charities that operate across 22 areas around the UK.



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Alan Sykes

THE funeral has taken place of Alan Sykes, aged 84, of Booth's Hill Road, Lymm, who died at St Rocco's Hospice, Warrington, on April 3.

Alan was born in Timperley, but moved to Watercress Farm, on the Bridgewater, as a baby. He then moved to Orchard Avenue and finally to Booths Hill Road.

He served an apprenticeship at Church Machine tools, Broadheath, working later at Eton Axles and then Manchester University. He loved animals and people will remember his mare, Amber, on Pool Lane, Statham.

A truly gifted engineer, with patents to his name, he is survived by his wife, Patricia, son John and daughter Carolanne.

The funeral was on April 16, with cremation at Dunham Massey and interment at St Mary's Church, Lymm. Donations were to St Rocco's.

Lorna Vaccaro (nee Henderson)



Died at home in Lymm on 19.04.21, aged 83 years. Very much-loved Mum, Grandma, and friend. A small family funeral took place in Ćlitheroe.

A Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving for all her dear friends and family on Saturday 3 July at 11am at St Mary's Church, Clitheroe.

Donations for St. Rocco's Hospice, c/o Helen Vaccaro, 2 Thirlmere Drive, Lymm, WA13 9PE.

Funeral arrangements by Brian Price and Son Ltd., Funeral Directors. Tel: 01200 441297

Jean Seymour

THE funeral has taken place at St Mary's Church, Lymm, of Mrs Jean Seymour, of Lymm, who died on April 8 in Warrington Hospital. Mrs Seymour, aged 87, was born and raised in Manchester,

where she met her husband; the late Leslie Seymour The family moved to Lymm in the 1950s.

She was a fan of day trips, dancing and music and was a well known character in the village. She was a mother of four children and had nine Grandchildren and naa nine Grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren . She will be sadly missed by family and friends. The funeral took place on Thursday April 29.
Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.



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