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Exciting new plans unveiled!

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MAJOR improvements are being planned for Warburton Toll Bridge near Lymm to cut journey times and improve reliability at the controversial traffic bottleneck.

A total of £6.5m is being invested in the Toll Bridge between Warburton and Rixton by owners, The Manchester Ship Canal Canal

Company. While these improvements are long overdue they will come at a cost to motorists, with tolls eventually increasing from 12pm to circa £1 a journey - although discounts will be offered to nearby residents and regular users - although this increase regular users - although this increase is being opposed by Warrington Borough Council.

Meanwhile, a month-long voluntary consultation with the community is currently ongoing until Friday 20th August and is inviting all interested parties to have their

say. Please ensure you make your views known if you are one of those impacted by emailing warburton tollbridge@peelports.com. The good news is the toll will

be suspended during the works to minimise any delays and an increase in the toll will only be introduced once road users are able to benefit from the investment.

We are told the planned upgrade will include a free-flow tolling system, removing the need for toll booth collection and reducing delays, upgrading the approach roads to both sides of the bridge, covering both road surfaces and

footpaths. There will also be a major capital investment programme to reverse the physical decline of the Warburton Toll Bridge. There will also be direct measures to control vehicle access including weight, height, width and speed, as well as obtaining powers to enforce restrictions. restrictions.

We are also told the proposed upgrades from MSCC will significantly improve the physical structure and access to the bridge, while further work will be required to support future maintenance and even a potential provision of a replacement bridge.

Apparently, the latest estimates for a replacement bridge indicate that this could cost up to £15 million to complete and - no doubt that will bring some future issues for local highway users. While the improvements are

welcome there will be many saying there should be no toll bridge at all as the ancient toll was for a nowdefunct birdge that crosses a dry river bed.

We've always been told this would require some special act of parliament to revoke the toll - something which seems unachievable based on the number of stories I have written over many years involving various MPs and



politicians.

Meanwhile, as I pen these notes on "freedom day" as nearly all lockdown restrictions are being lifted, we are again on a knifeedge with infection rates already reaching around 1,000 new cases a week, with scientists warning the worst is yet to come. Thankfully the vaccination

working by "tals from programme is preventing our hospitals from being overrun - although inpatient numbers are also showing an upward trend.

I sincerely hope that we don't have to endure any more lockdowns or restrictions and fingers crossed Lymm May Queen can take place in a Covid secure environment in September.

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Exciting new plans for Centre of Performing Arts in Lymm

Exciting plans have been drawn up for a new Centre for Performing Arts in Lymm to be used by local schools and the whole community.

A consultation to gather views has just been launched and residents can have their say at www.lymmperformingarts.org.uk.

Lymm has a thriving performing arts scene with excellent music, drama and dance at both primary and secondary schools; and a lot of community groups involved in dance, music and the performing arts.

The annual Lymm Festival is a highlight of the year with its programme of events over nearly two weeks in the summer and other events throughout the year.

However, facilities are very limited: there are no purpose-built performance or event spaces; many groups have to go elsewhere to rehearse and perform; and current venues are limited in their ability to serve existing needs or to expand as required. The aim to is build a new Centre

The aim to is build a new Centre for the Performing Arts, to be based on the high school site and used primarily by schools during the day, and by the community at eveninas and weekends.

evenings and weekends. Initial plans would see the facility having a 450-seat theatre/ performance space which could also be adapted for smaller events; drama and dance studios; rehearsal rooms for music; a recording studio; and some flexible space for meetings and exhibitions.

Kieran Walshe, a governor at Lymm High School, is chairing a working group set up to lead the project. He said: "We've had great support – on our working group we have senior councillors and officials from Warrington Borough Council, representatives from schools and the Lymm Festival, and Andy Carter our local MP. We are always looking for people who want to get involved!"

Over the next three months, the working group is holding an online consultation, and meeting with all groups and organisations who would like to have their say about the proposed development.

The findings will be used to put together the case for funding – which will need local authority and government support. Mr Walshe added: "We do

Mr Waisne added: "We do not underestimate the funding challenge – but now, as we emerge from this awful pandemic, is a great



moment at which to think about the kind of future we want for our community – and how important the performing arts are to us all."

For more information, visit the website at www. lymmperformingarts.org.uk where you can have your say, register your interest in being kept up to date with developments, and find lots of information about what's going on in the performing arts right now. Alternatively, you can email info@lymmperformingarts. org.uk



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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

Eggle 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. All welcome. Tel 01925 756378 for details.

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Return of Lymm Produce Show

AFTER an absence of three years the Lymm Produce Show will be back this year in a new home at Maple Lodge in the village.

The popular community event will take place on Sunday 5th September at Maple Lodge Scout and Guide Centre on Pepper Street. The event will follow a similar format to previous shows with local people being given the opportunity to showcase their homegrown and

homemade produce. There will be classes for fruit, vegetables and flowers. Home

bakers and brewers will also be able to show off the skills they gained during lockdown with classes for bread, cakes and beers. Younger competitors will be catered for with a number of children's classes.

A full list is available on the show's facebook page @ lymmproduceshow

Live music makes a come-back at Lymm care home

RESIDENTS and guests at Cheshire Home, L Grange Care Home, Lymm welcomed back their first live music performance since lockdown restrictions came into force last year.

Accordionist John lones entertained the residents with an outdoor performance, playing many old time favourites including Que Sera Sera and Daisy Daisy traditional with along with more accordion folk songs. more

John a favourite at Cheshire Grange for several years made sure he reached as many residents as possible by playing at the bedroom windows of those who weren't able to attend the garden

performance, A request for Abba's Dancing Queen from a family who were visiting at the time brought much joy to the family at a particularly difficult time.

The hospitality team at the home provided a range of mocktails for residents to enjoy during the show including a Barchester Buckaroo and a Lymm Lime Fizz.

General m Holsgrove-Smith manager Dawn said: "Our residents had a wonderful afternoon singing along to tunes that they loved, for a brief moment we all could forget what was going on in the outside world and just relax with our residents in the afternoon sunshine. We do our best to provide a wide range of activities and entertainment at Cheshire Grange as part of the lifestyle enrichment programme for residents, and this was one was one of our favourites."



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The Lymm Dance – can you help keep it alive at Rushbearing?

THE Lymm Dance, a Morris dance unique to Lymm and sometimes called the Old Dance, was known to have been performed at least 200 years ago and will take centre stage at the Rushbearing Festival which returns on Sunday, August 8 at the Lower dam at 4pm.

It was first danced as part of the Lymm Rushbearing, when a cart of rushes was processed through the

village to the church where the rushes were strewn on the floor. In the late 19th and early 20th Century it was also performed at May Queen festivals by teams from both Lymm and Oughtrington.

However, the tradition gradually died out in part due to the First World War and the Old Dance began to be replaced by Carnival Morris performed by large troupes of young girls.

In the 1970s the Thelwall Morris Men were formed. One of the Thelwall dancers began to delve into

the history of the old Lymm Dance. Although optimistic, Geoff Bibby thought it unlikely that anyone alive would have a memory of the dance. Fortunately, the dance had been taught in the 1920s by the last leader of the team, Ned Rowles, to a boys' team from Statham.

Geoff managed to trace Dick Rowles, Ned's son, who provided him with a photograph of the boys' team and put names to the boys.

Amazingly, most of the team were still alive and living in or near Lymm, so Geoff was able to reconstruct the dance from their memories.

The Lymm Dance has a rich history which has been collated by Geoff

(see lymm-morris.org.uk). The Lymm Rushbearing was revived in 1972 by Chris Limb and since the 1980s the resurrected Lymm Dance has been performed regularly at the Rushbearing as wall as at the at the Rushbearing as well as at the Lymm May Queen and more recently on the Lymm Dickensian Day.

It has also been performed at Morris events across the country and has even be taken abroad. The Lymm Morris has a style and look which is quite different to other Morris dances. As such it is a unique tradition that the community in and around Lymm are rightly proud of.

However, the team who have performed it since the 1980s are now ageing themselves and it is time to pass the dance on to a new, younger and preferably local team. They hope to keep performing as long as they can, but if you or your group think you may be able to contribute to keeping the Old Dance alive, please watch them (hopefully) at: Lymm Rushbearing on Sun 8 August, Lymm May Queen on Sat 25 September and Lymm Dickensian on Sat 11 December

Or contact lymm-morris@hotmail. com for more détails.









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Green-fingered gardener receives employee of the month award



RESIDENTS and staff at Cheshire Grange in Lymm applauded as Gardener, Steve Clement was named 'Employee of the Month' for working hard to tame their slightly wild gardens.

Steve was nominated by residents, colleagues and residents' relatives who felt he deserved extra recognition for the amazing work he does in maintaining the gardens.

One family member said: "We really appreciated how the garden was looking on our last outdoor visit and more importantly it was my mother in law who drew our attention to it, sadly she is at a stage now where she doesn't pick up on much and she was always a keen gardener so her comments were lovely to hear."

Steve was congratulated by the

home's General Manager for the achievement and was presented with a £25 voucher as a special thank you.

thank you. Dawn Holsgrove-Smith, General Manager at Cheshire Grange said: "I'm delighted to have such a talented individual working as part of our team and I hope this 'Employee of the Month' award goes some way towards showing how much Steve's hard work is valued. He has embraced the importance that our garden has for all the Cheshire Grange family and we are seeing our own little blooming oasis for all to enjoy."



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Lymm High School designated as a "World Class" school

STAFF and students at Lymm High School are celebrating after being officially designated a 'World Class School'.

The school was invited to apply for the World Class Schools Quality Mark (WCSQM) and Lymm High School is one of just 12 secondary schools to have been successful in receiving the

prestigious accreditation this year. WCSQM is a UK charity that works to accredit the best non-Selective state schools across the UK with the World Class quality mark accreditation. Specifically, it is concerned with developing the skills, competencies and characteristics competencies and characteristics that young people need to thrive in an ever-changing global economy. According to the charity, the starting point for applications is that schools "have a track record, data and evidence, internal and external, that indicates at their next Ofsted inspection they would be deemed 'outstanding' by Ofsted". However, a lot more than this is required for a successful bid. The arduous process involved a team of Year 12 students (ably assisted by Mr Hayes, Head of Halls and Ethos) spending weeks compiling a

Ethos) spending weeks compiling a comprehensive report to demonstrate how Lymm High Students are 'World Class'.

This involved looking at a wide range of areas, including things like: how highly literate students are scientifically and culturally; the extent to which students are excellent 'lifelong' learners; leadership, including

student leadership; preparation for higher education and future careers; and links with other countries and organisations. The students also had to put together a video to illustrate how a typical week at Lymm High School facilitates the development of

World-class learners. Mr Hayes said: "The student team did an incredible job of leading the application process and are themselves a prime example of why Lymm High School students are 'world class'."

Headteacher Gwynn Williams said: "This is a significant achievement and we are all very proud of what it says about our school community. Particular thanks go to the students who did such a contactive ich of leading this bid " fantastic job of leading this bid.

The students involved in the project included Ciara Bennett, Evie France, Beau Harry, Thomas Lea, Emma Parkinson and Jack Powell. As part of the process, they needed to work with a partner primary school.

"Working alongside Sacred Heart primary school really showed us the value of communication and teamwork. Working as the research analyst I spent a lot of time listening to feedback from different schools and coming to a group decision everyone could be happy with", said Thomas Lea. "This experience was a real eye-

opener", said Jack Powell. "It taught me the intricacies of communication and teamwork and was a golden opportunity for everyone involved. It was really great seeing everyone working as a team especially considering the wide range of skills needed."

Evie France was Project Manager: "I was given the opportunity to lead an amazing team. Working with a primary school on this final project challenged me and enabled me to gain valuable skills."

Being a WCSQM school will open up some great opportunities for both staff and students over the next few years. Having the accreditation gives the school access to the WCSQM framework that will help all students to develop and demonstrate worldclass skills and characteristics across areas including learning, leadership, community and the workplace. "The values of the organisation

very much align with our own in terms of working to make sure that students or working to make sure that students leave us not just with excellent academic qualifications but also as well-rounded, socially responsible young people equipped with the knowledge and skills required to thrive in the modern world", said Mr Williame Williams



Three of the Year 12 project team: Jack Powell, Evie France and Thomas Lea.



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Funding deals secured for new development on site of former Lymm Hotel

FUNDS have been secured for a £28.25m multi-generation development on the site of the former Lymm Hotel.

The McGoff Group, in partnership with joint venture partner Macdonald Hotels, has secured funding deals with Puma Finance and Octopus to progress plans for an exciting new multigeneration development on the site of the former Lymm Hotel on Whitbarrow Road in Lymm.

The first of its kind in the North West, the project will comprise a state-of-the-art care facility, expertly designed children's day nursery and 45 bespoke luxury retirement apartments in a leafy conservation area setting close to the village and adjacent to the Trans Pennine Trail.

Designed by the McGoff Group and delivered by principal contractor McGoff Construction, the development is a new concept in inter-generational living, bringing young and old together to form a thriving new hyperlocal community with proven health, social and wellbeing benefits for all. All aspects of the development

All aspects of the development will also be operated by the McGoff Group. Renowned for providing exceptional residential, nursing, respite and dementia care services in a comfortable and safe environment, the Group's multi award winning care home provider, New Care, will take responsibility for the 66-bed care home.

The nursery will be operated by Back to the Garden, the Group's natural child-led day nursery concept. It will be the second site in the UK for the innovative nursery concept that focusses on active learning and outdoor play in a garden setting which has already enjoyed considerable success at its first site in Broadheath, Altrincham.

Finally, the McGoff Group's residential brand Villafont will deliver the 45 retirement apartments under a new sub-brand Villafont Concierge which will offer an impressive specification and enhanced lifestyle package for those looking for a luxury property with the option for elements of domestic support to enable continued independent living.

Bringing together the best of care for both the oldest and youngest members of the community, the new concept is designed to offer the potential for old and young to spend time in each other's company on a regular basis which has many proven mental and physical health-related benefits including an increased understanding and appreciation of each other's abilities and limitations, building tolerance and compassion and helping the elderly remain more mentally and physically alert. Director at the McGoff Group, Chris McGoff, commented: "A development like this is something

Director at the McGoff Group, Chris McGoff, commented: "A development like this is something that we have wanted to do for a long time and a concept that we believe passionately in. Thanks to the finance from Puma and Octopus, it can now take shape. We are excited to see how it becomes part of the local community and hope it can set a new blueprint for future schemes. "Adjacent to the canal and next to an entry onto the Pennine Trail and with lovely woodland views, the leafy position of this site will appeal to all target age groups and will be perfect for young and old to enjoy."

Beyond Corporate provided advice on the real estate, planning, construction, corporate and financing aspects of the transaction. Completion of the funding and the start of works on site marked the end of four years' work involving input from several teams within the firm.

Lead partner, James Flynn, confirmed: "This project has shown how joint venture deals can be constructed to allow landowners to unlock value in brownfield sites that are no longer suitable for their existing uses. It has been fantastic to see the McGoff Group team up with Macdonald Hotels to identify the concept for this site and then ultimately deliver the project, particularly given the current challenging conditions, and the whole team at Beyond is very pleased to have played its part in helping to deliver this scheme."

bleased to have played its part in helping to deliver this scheme." With planning already granted, groundworks at the development are well underway and the McGoff Group anticipates a completion date of October 2022 for the nursery, November 2022 for the care home and December 2022 for the apartments. Based in Altrincham, The McGoff Group is a £150m collective of like-minded businesses with a seamless ability to acquire, design, build, operate and maintain across targeted healthcare, residential and commercial sectors making it the favoured choice for clients, funders, joint venture partners and supply chain partners alike. Driven by second-generation family values, innovation, excellence and operational expertise, the McGoff name signifies quality, agility and an unbreakable force that is well equipped to sustain the business for future generations to come. For further information, please visit www.mcgoffgroup.com







Lymm solar farm public consultation update

Following last month's report on the Lymm solar farm proposals, local residents are invited to get involved in the public consultation process which runs until July 31.

When asked how the solar farm consultation was progressing, LCE Director, Richard Pearce, commented, "We've been delighted with the level of support and community interest so far. There has been a real appetite and for exploring clean renewable energy options. Local people have been attending our events and downloading information from our website and new Facebook page".

"Local support and consultation are an important component of the project feasibility report and we would urge Lymm and local residents to engage with the process, read the information we've prepared, ask us questions and above all complete the survey before the deadline of 31 July".

Lymm Community Energy Ltd (LCE) ran an initial information event on Saturday 26 June at Lymm Hub (Lymm Library, Sanctuary Hub and Business Centre). This was part of an event run by LEAF, a new umbrella to bring together a number of local groups focused on environmental themes. The public dropped in to ask questions and make comments about the



development, which are all tracked

as part of the consultation process. On Wednesday 14 July, a further information event was run online during which a presentation was given by LCE Director, Richard Pearce, and another opportunity was provided for the public to obtain information and ask auestions.

Sources of Information

There are a variety of ways to obtain more information about the solar farm proposal.

- You can view and download the information pack from the LCE website at: https:// lowcarbonlymm.org.uk/lymm-community-energy/lymm-solar-farm/ · LCE has a new Facebook page at: https://www.facebook. com/LymmCommunityEnergy/
- There is an information display in the entrance of Lymm Library (open Tuesdays and Thursdays)
- You can contact LCE Director, Richard Pearce, by phone on 07976 352914 or by e-mail on info@lowcarbonlymm.org.uk

A number of questions have already been asked about the

project. All comments, questions and enquiries are being tracked and enquiries are being tracked and responded to as LCE wishes to address all queries. Some of the most frequently asked questions are now included in a Q&A section on the solar farm page of the LCE website.

Consultation Survey

Please complete the survey by 31 July by scanning the QR code below or visiting the link: https:// forms.office.com/r/3Pq7Mvvvim You can also visit the LCE website

to access or download a copy of

the survey. For further guidance, please contact Richard Pearce on 07976 352914 or by email info@ lowcarbonlymm.org.uk



LEAF prepares for launch after successful event

An initial event by LEAF took place at Lymm Hub at the end of June at Lymm Hub at the end of June encouraging local residents to "turn over a new leaf" and help reduce

their carbon footprints. An estimated 150 local people visited the stands of nine local groups include forces as, LEAF who have joined forces as, LEAF (Lymm Environmental Action Forum) a new umbrella body in the village, aimed at uniting environmental groups in the area. Central to the event was a mobile showroom for Hero Renewables

featuring renewable energy options including air and ground source heat pumps and explaining incentives such as the RHI (Renewable Heat

Alongside them, there was a display of cars; a hydrogen-fuelled car whose only emissions is water (H2O), a hybrid electric car and a 100% electric car demonstrating its charging arrangements.

Lymm Community Energy shared their achievements since setting up in 2014 including the installation of solar panels on all four village primary schools and LED lighting on three schools plus further community venues.

They also launched the public consultation for a proposed solar farm in Lymm.

The event saw Cherry Tree Primary School produce a giant paperchain and the Friends of Lymm Library Craft Group create a knitted chain. Joined together, these recognised how Lymm came together to Leave No One Behind during the Covid pandemic. They also represented the unity between younger and older members of the community and symbolised how Lymm residents can work how

together to address environmental

challenges. The Refill Round displayed a range of plastic free replacements for commonly used household products and explained how their refill system works. Owner Julia commented "It was great to see how much enthusiasm there is for supporting our local eco-friendly organisations adding "We need to take positive action on tackling the climate crisis and everyone in Lymm can help – quick and easy ideas are to petition your local MP about the issue, cut plastic consumption and switch to a renewable energy provider". The Lymm & Thelwall

The Lymm & Thelwall u3a Climate and Environment Group discussed what people could do to help the environment. The u3a group are encouraging members to recycle 'hard to recycle' items such as toothpaste tubes and tablet

such as toothpaste tubes and tablet packaging and they recommend reading the book 'There is No Planet B' by Mike Berners-Lee. Another idea shared by Lymm Transition Village group was "A Library Of Things" – an abbreviation of A LOT because there is a lot we can all do to help save the planet can all do to help save the planet. The library of things is hoping to grow into a lending library to discourage the purchase of "new" equipment for infrequent jobs. Adding a Repair Shop in Lymm to repair minor faults instead of buying replacements would go hand-in-hand with this initiative.

Low Carbon Lymm shared information shown on their website about what you can do about climate change and how to reduce your carbon footprint. There were also exhibits from the Friends of Spud

Wood and Oughtrington Community Orchard, including information on Woodland Wednesdays, wood allotments and volunteering in Spud Wood

The Warrington CEE Bill Alliance was the final stand and handed out was the final stand and handed out postcards for residents to write to their town's two local MP's asking them to represent the views and future welfare of their constituents by supporting the Climate Environment & Emergency (CEE) Bill which is currently passing through parliament. Well over 100 postcards were written during the event, which will be sent on to the respective MPs.

LEAF plans to run a series of regular pop-up events at The Hub. Their formal launch will be alongside the postponed Lymm May Queen event on Saturday 25th September 2021.

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



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Inflatable nightclub takes centre stage as care home residents celebrate Pride



RESIDENTS at a Lymm care home celebrated their annual pride event with a huge festival in their garden area with a large inflatable nightclub, taking centre stage, playing music from throughout the decades.

It provided a great talking piece for all residents at Keate House Residential Home, to enjoy and dance to and proved popular as a sensory experience for those living

sensory experience for those living with dementia. One gentleman quoted "I'm not doing bad, am I? Dancing in a nightclub at 97!" The day was filled with laughter and smiles as the sun shone over the residents for their special day. Residents could be seen relaxing in the substance activities the sunshine and enjoying activities and costumes with the assistance of Keate House's dedicated team,

Diane Clarkson said: "After the year we have had, it was so



important to come together, to create smiles and to show that life can start to become a little more normal. To celebrate pride month at Keate House is always an important event for us, along with celebrating the wonderful care our staff provides every day. The day really shows how wonderful our family is at Keate House, and the pride festivals always create great memories that Keate House cherishes.

Keate House continues to uphold a 'Good' rating by the Care Quality Commission ('CQC') and has been three-time winners of the NAPA Awards for dedication to their quality activity provision.







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Former Lymm student fulfils Olympic dream

FORMER Lymm High School student Lucy Glover has fulfilled her Olympic dream, flying out to Tokyo to join the GB Rowing Team.

Lucy is in the stroke seat of the Women's Quad Scull and their first race is planned for 23rd July at around 2am UK time.

The 22-year-old was introduced to rowing through a Project Oarsome School and Warrington Rowing Club. She won a silver medal for GB in the European Rowing Championships this summer, and has gold and silver medals in the World Championships at U18 and U23 levels.

Currently, Lucy is based at Edinburgh University where she is studying for a Psychology degree. "My dream of competing at the

Olympic games has been within me ever since I was lucky enough to be introduced to the sport of rowing through Warrington rowing



club's strong links with our School", said Lucy

"I feel so fortunate to be able to represent Lymm High School on the biggest sporting stage of them all and I hope to do everyone who has helped me along the journey proud.

Lymm High School headteacher, Gwyn Williams, said: "On behalf of everyone at Lymm High School, we wish Lucy and her team the very best of luck. Knowing just how hard she has always worked and how much this means to her, she thoroughly deserves any success that comes her way – and we all hope that she'll be able to bring a medal home to show off to us all in school!"



Lymm May Queen set to return in September!

LYMM May Queen is set to return to the village after being cancelled last year due to the pandemic, in

September! Organisers pushed this year's event back from May to September, in preparation for restrictions being lifted, although this year's event will still endeavour to be as COVID secure as possible, with events taking place in an outdoor arena.

Chair of Lymm May Queen Cllr Kath Buckley said: We are still living in challenging times and these have impacted all our lives and all communities.

"Lymm May Queen in response had to initially cancel the event for 2020 and decided to move this year's event to September 25th to try and ensure that it hopefully could go ahead.

"I am pleased to say that we believe it will go ahead as planned with some significant changes. This will be the first event for the Village



since this terrible time started, all the more reason for coming along and supporting this historic occasion. Don't forget it is all open-

air with plenty of space on the field. "We have decided to retain the Queens chosen last year for this year's crowning, so hopefully they can have their day." Rose Queen will be Leah Poole and the May Queen will be Charlotte Booker who are still besched and year, much looking

excited and very much looking

forward to being crowned. Kath added: "I know that the 2019 Queens, Isabel Boucher and Olivia Brown thoroughly enjoyed the event and their time as Queens.

"We have also kept the Games/ Olympic theme, 'Sports through the ages', for our programme and it will still feature the delightful designs from our primary school competition that we held in 2020. "Our procession will be as excellent as usual and we are

looking forward to the support as always from Lymm residents and the community as a whole.

"A major change will be that in order to be as Covid safe as possible we are not charging for the entrance to the event this year. We will have a crowdfunding page nearer the time and in the week before the May Queen and on the day, we will have collection tins to fund the event for next year. We will be dependant on these donations for the future of the May Queen.

"Thanks again to' our new members who have continued to contribute so effectively to our team. Volunteers on the day are always needed so please contact us via our website. "As in previous years there will

be stalls/events and rides to suit all the family. There will be lots of food and drink stalls, catering for all tastes – crepes, pizzas, Thai, burgers etc.

"So here is hoping that the weather is kind and that you all are looking forward to this historic event, as we definitely are. Here's to Lymm May Queen 2021!"

Jill is new curate at St Mary's Church



NEW curate has joined St Mary's Church, Lymm – only days after being ordained at Chester Cathedral.

The Rev Jill Elston is a former secondary school teacher and Christian Schools worker, with a love of crafting and the arts.

She has a strong interest in ways to take better care of the environment as part of God's creation and is particularly looking forward to hearing how young people in the community feel about their spirituality and, especially, how it relates to their environmental concerns.

Rector the Rev Beverley Jameson said: "We are delighted that Jill is joining us at an exciting time at St Mary's. "Once COVID restrictions are

lifted we will be re-launching our monthly crafts, songs and worship event for children and families in September. We are also launching a children's choir in the autumn to prepare for performances at the Christmas Tree Festival, possibly the Dickensian Festival and St

Mary's Christingle service. "Jill has tremendous skills and talents and will be a great asset to the church and the wider community. it is an absolute joy that she will be with us at St Mary's.

Rev Elston said: "I can't wait to start getting to know the people of Lymm. I'm going to be out and about in the village, so, when you see me, please give me a wave or come and say 'hello'. It would be great to have a chat with you.

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