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Editor's Comment

IT was fantastic to see the Lymm May Queen Festival back on the road after a long absence due to the pandemic and congratulations to all those who helped make it happen.

Hot on the heels of the May Queen Festival we have Lymm Dickensian Day scheduled to take place on Saturday December 11.

Let's hope the rising COVID-19 cases come under control soon as Lymm has been a particular hot spot in recent weeks, with mask wearing reintroduced at Lymm High School as a "sensible precaution."

While many of us have been keen to return to normality following lockdown there are still a lot of people who feel vulnerable and worried and we are, after all, still in the midst of a pandemic.

While the vaccination programme has clearly helped reduce the number of hospital admissions, our health service is still under massive pressure,

which will only get worse as we head into winter So while it is nice to be able to

get out and about and meet up with family and friends, it is also important to behave in a responsible manner – and most importantly respect those who still feel vulnerable.

Having reported on the figures every day for the past 18 months, it is clear we are still not out of the woods yet and sadly people who have been vaccinated are still succumbing to this terrible disease.

A vaccination doesn't make you immune or indestructible – it just improves your chances of not being seriously ill and requiring hospital treatment.

So as we head towards the festive season please respect those around you and continue to follow all the COVID guidelines.

Lymm Rotary Santa Float
The Lymm Rotary Club Santa's float will again be out and about this year, starting at Abbey Leys on Sunday 5th December and following that the traditional routes around the streets of Thelwall and Lymm starting on Monday 6th December with the final route on Wednesday 22nd December. This year they will be reverting to the pre-pandemic procedures with door-to-door collections. An online tracker update will be available on social media. Work on the actual routes is still ongoing but will be available in the next couple of weeks.

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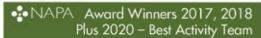














Kids Planet celebrating at the double at **Nursery World Awards**

LYMM-based childcare group Kids Planet has won two awards at the Nursery World Awards – 'Nursery Group of the Year' and 'Online and Social Media'.

The group is also proud to have been finalists for 'Enabling Environments' for its Stretton Nursery, 'Inclusive Practice' for its

and 'Inclusive Practice' for its Beamont Nursery.
Held at the Brewery in London recently it was the first live event for Nursery World since 2019, presenting the sector with the opportunity to celebrate and network with all the dedicated professionals who make the early years sector thrive.

Nursery Group of the Year was open to UK nursery groups with three or more settings, and Kids Planet was crowned the winner.

Kids Planet was praised for its dedicated SEND team, internal offering Training Academy Outstanding apprenticeship training, wellbeing activities to support positive mental health, wholesome food choices, and carefully considered outdoor environments, amongst many other initiatives.

The Online and Social Media

category was open to early years providers and services whose website and use of social media is informative, accessible and whose innovative.

As winners of the award, Kids Planet was recognised for the website's ease of navigation, highquality image and video content, and enhanced customer experience

The company's use of dedicated accounts for each setting, topical initiatives on a range of platforms, timely updates, resources and advice, were among many of the reasons Kids Planet came out on top. Clare Roberts, CEO of Kids Planet,

said: "It is such a huge achievement for us to receive these two awards and we are so incredibly proud of all the staff within the Kids Planet family.

"Throughout all the challenges we have taced, particularly with the pandemic and restrictions, everyone has gone above and beyond every step of the way in incredibly difficult times to do a fantastic job for young children in our care.'





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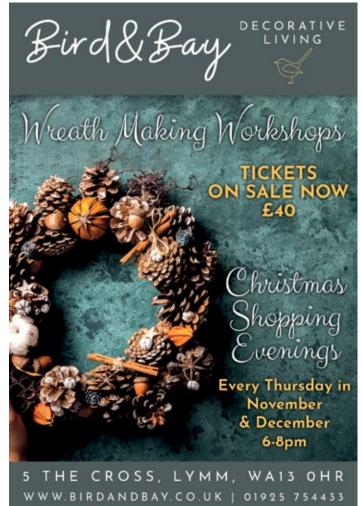
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What's On in conjunction with Lymm Parish Council

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Tuesday November 9th, 7:30pm Lymm Parish Hall Check www.lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk for

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

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LYMM BOOK CLUBSecond Thursday of the month 7.30pm,
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4LYMM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION

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A friendly busy social club for retired men. Meets on alternate Thursday afternoons at lymm Baptist Church. Details: www.lymmdia-1 Details: www.lymmdingleprobus.club Club secretary 01925 759995



Tuesday November 9th, 7:30nm See parish council website for details.

Return of "world famous" **Lymm Panto**

LYMM Rugby Club is delighted to announce the Lymm Panto, 'Aladdin Lymm!' is coming back to the club in 2021.

pandemic stopped productions last year, including the Panto and summer show, but the Panto troupe is delighted to be busily rehearsing in preparation for another blockbuster.

This year there will be nine shows across three weekends from

November 25 to December 11, and Covid protocols will be in place with reduced houses, to keep

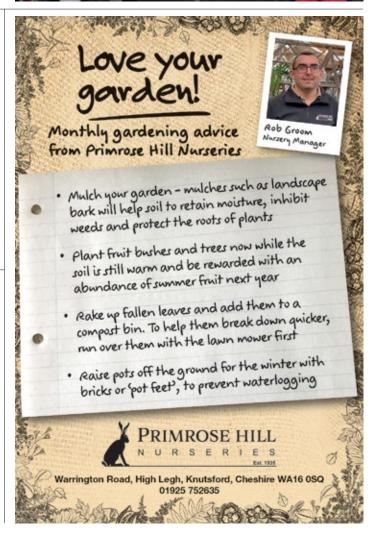
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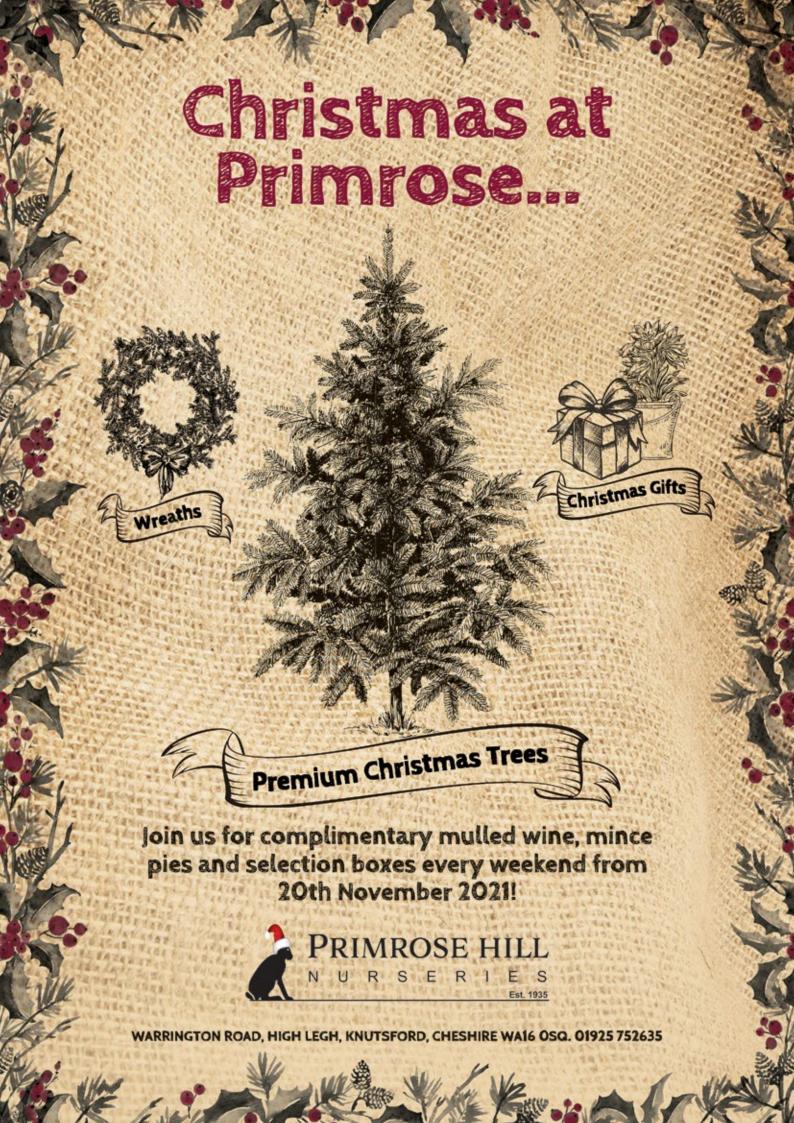
The show is masterminded by Simon Plumb and helps raise thousands of pounds for the club's grass-roots appeal.











Get ready for winter



With the colder weather on its way, now is the time to take simple steps to look after your health

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Cold weather can make some health problems worse and even lead to serious complications, especially if you are 65 or older or have a long-term health condition. Follow our simple guide to preparing for the winter months.

Make the right choices

An A&E department (also known as emergency department or casualty) should only be used for genuine life-threatening emergencies, such as loss of consciousness, chest pain, breathing difficulties, severe bleeding that cannot be stopped, trake or major trauma such as a stroke or major trauma such as a road traffic accident.

Less severe injuries can be treated in urgent treatment centres or minor injuries units.

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Get help early

If you are 65 or over, or in another at-risk group, it's important to get medical help as soon as you feel unwell. Please don't wait until your symptoms get worse.

If you are unsure what to do contact 111.nhs.uk online first, or call free from a landline or mobile. They're open 24/7, 365 days a

Get to know your local pharmacist

Pharmacists can offer clinical advice and over-the-counter medicines to treat a range of minor illnesses, such as coughs, colds, sore throats, tummy trouble and aches and pains to help you recover at home.

Get vaccinated

Dangerous viruses, including COVID-19 and flu, spread quickly including when we're all crowded together

when we re all crowded together inside and it's easy for us to pass on these viruses without knowing. Flu can make some people seriously ill, so it's important to get the flu vaccine if you're advised to. The best time to have the flu vaccine is in the autumn before flu

starts spreading.

Some people may be eligible for both the flu and the COVID-19 booster vaccines. If you are offered both vaccines, it's safe to have them at the same time. Find out if you're eligible now at www.nhs. uk/wintervaccinations

Know the symptoms of COVID-19

COVID-19 is still circulating, so if you have a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, please get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have COVID-19 as soon as possible.

Stay at home and do not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get your test result - only leave your home to have a test.

Visit www.nhs.uk for information.





Round Table's firework display back with a bang!

LYMM & District Round Table's charity fireworks display is back in 2021 and promises to be fun evening for all ages.

The event will be held on Saturday, November 6, at Cherry Tree Primary School, Hardy Road, Lymm. Doors open from 6pm, with the kids firework display from 6.45pm, and main firework display from 7.30pm. Tickets are available to buy online

in advance which is recommended

as capacity is limited. Lymm & District Round Table Cháirman and 2021 Fireworks Event

Organiser Peter Leach 'We have enjoyed taking part in alternative fund raising exercises such as our Lands End to John O'Groats 874 mile challenge, but it will be great to get back to what we do best - putting on great local events which raise money for local charities

and good causes.
"Thank you in advance to our hosts Cherry Tree Primary School,

event_sponsors, Chadwick's Family Fun Fair, catering partners, and our volunteers. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 6th."

Further details including how to buy tickets online can be found via https://www.lymmroundtable.co.uk/events/charity-fireworks/or the Lymm Round Table Charity

of the Lythin Round addle Charly Fireworks Facebook page. If you fancy getting involved with the Round Table please email join@ lymmroundtable.co.uk or chat to the team at the event.





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Diamond wedding couple's visit to "ancestral home."

LYMM couple David and Patricia Skentelbery celebrated their diamond wedding as four generations enjoyed a family holiday at Looe in Cornwall – the ancestral home of the family name.

They were joined by son Gary, and his wife Janet, granddaughters Amy and Hannah and their partners Ryan and Conor and great-granddaughter Olivia and spent a week by the sea, reliving many memories from 60 years of marriage.

Having met at a party on a blind date, a whirlwind engagement and marriage took place as they settled in their first home together in Penketh, where son Gary was born following the tough winter of 1963.

They moved to Croft before eventually settling in Lymm, which

has been home for the past four decades.

After working as a journalist on various newspapers, David launched his own news and picture agency in 1968 before helping launch Lymm Life and Warrington-Worldwide and associated magazines and websites with Gary in 1999.

Patricia, meanwhile, ran a successful art and crafts shop in Horsemarket Street, Warrington, before joining the news business in

the accounts department where she still works alongside David, Gary, wife Janet and Hannah.

During their trip down memory lane they visited the cliff-top house, formerly owned by David's late aunt, where they spent part of their honeymoon in 1961,

They also visited Looe Tennis Club where they played a few games while on honeymoon – although this time they settled for a cream tea in the adjoining tearoom







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Lymm May Queen back o

LYMM Village's traditional May Queen was back on the roadbut this time in September after being postponed earlier in the year and cancelled last year due to the pandemic.

Overcast skies soon cleared as the event was blessed with warm weather as villagers lined the streets to watch the parade to the May Queen field where Rose Bud Leah Poole and May Queen Charlotte Booker were both crowned.

Poole and May Queen Charlotte
Booker were both crowned.
Town Crier Peter Powell started
proceedings as the parade was
joined by the Mayor of Warrington
Cllr. Maureen Creaghan, WBC

Chief Executive Steven Broomhead, Warrington South MP Andy Carter and Parish Chairman Bob Barr.

Event organiser, local Cllr Kath Buckley said she was "delighted" to get the show back on the road and thanked everyone who had been involved in helping out.

Next year's event will return on Saturday May 21st.

Pictures: John Hopkins

















n the road!













The Lymm May Queen Committee and volunteers would like to thank all the people who helped make Lymm May Queen 2021 such a fabulous event for Lymm. It was fantastic to see the residents of Lymm supporting us on the day, which made it such a special event for all the young persons involved.

Thank you again and we hope to see you next year for the continuance of this historical tradition on May 21st 2022.

Long lost photographs inspire new book

A new book featuring old photographs of "Historic Lymm in Colour" is being published to help raise funds for Lymm Heritage Centre.

The new book by Alan Williams and Alan Taylor was inspired after Heritage Centre volunteer Jackie Cooling stumbled across a small collection of lantern slides dating back to World War One, in the

Dack to Voorld War One, in the Lancashire Archive of all places, they aroused great interest.

The pictures show the Watkin family, local gentry, who lived at Dane Bank House. The sons are home on leave from the war and pose in front of a canalside cottage that has been long since demolished.

What is particularly striking is that the pictures have been carefully hand-coloured, increasing their impact and somehow bringing the viewer closer to the subject.

Inspired by the slides it wasn't long before the writing partnership of Alan Williams and Alan Taylor had hatched the idea for "Historic Lymm"

The new book, set to be published in time for Christmas, draws on a variety of media including paintings, old hand-coloured postcards, early colour prints and transparencies. But the majority of the images, many of which are in thelymmarchive.co.uk, have been meticulously colourised by Alan Taylor, sometimes involving extensive research to ensure authentic colours for things like uniforms and advertising banners.

Extending to nearly 200 pages the book contains close to 300 images, many of which have never previously

been published in any form

been published in any form.

"It's been a real challenge."
explained co-author Alan Williams.

"Alan Taylor has spent countless hours
working through the pictures. He has
even been recolouring some of his
own black and white photographs of the village that he took over sixty years ago: now there's a test for the memory, recalling some of those colours!

"My contribution has been to track down the stories behind the pictures, some of them previously untold too.

'We have collaborated on two other local history books previously, including the Pubs of Lymm and they proved a huge success. But this one promises to be a real blockbuster that we can't wait to share with a wider audience. We have both had health setbacks in recent weeks and months but in spite of that we are aiming to have the book out for sale, at Lymm Heritage Centre, online and at a few other outlets some time in November and therefore in good time for Christmas.

All proceeds from the sale will go to the Heritage Centre which is also planning to support the book with a "Historic Lymm in Colour" exhibition to run from late November into the New Year.

Check out the website for the latest information including release date and price of the book. www.lymmhic. co.uk. and, most importantly, put it at the top of your Christmas shopping



Crafts and snacks at St Mary's Church



Rev Jameson making a paper lantern.

THE popular Crafts and Snacks Church at St Mary's Church, Lymm is back - bigger and better than

ever.

After a long absence, due to COVID, Crafts and Snacks resumed on Saturday, October 16.

It is open to children and their parents/guardians and involves 30-40 minutes of craft activities on a biblical theme, 10-15 minutes of songs and bible stories and ends with a buffet snack of sandwiches. with a buffet snack of sandwiches, crisps and cake.

Rector, the Rev Beverley Jameson said: "On October 16 it was all about light so we were making paper lanterns, decorating candles, sun-catcher crosses and decorating biscuits. "Craft

Snacks Church was

extremely popular previously. Mums and Dads enjoyed it as much as the children.

"I am very much looking forward to lots of families coming for our monthly mornings of crafts, songs, stories, food, fun – and lots of cake.

cake."

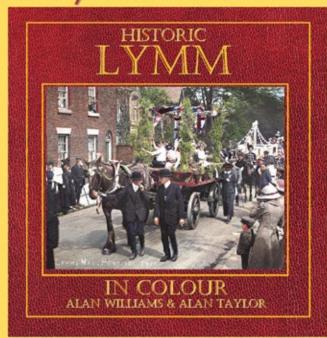
St Mary's Craft and Snacks
Church is free and open to children
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The next Crafts and Snacks
Church is at 11am on November
27 when the theme will be Advent
and they will be making angels and

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Spud Wood signs planned - after 23 years

THE Woodland Trust is planning to erect signage at Spud Wood, Lymm – some 23 years after starting work on planting the wood.

An application has been made to Warrington Borough Council for planning permission for several types of signs at the entrances to the wood in Stage Lane.

The main entrance and car park

is in Stage Lane, but there are also entrances in Oughtrington Lane and Burford Lane and an unofficial footpath from adjoing Helsdale Wood – an area of ancient woodland.

The Woodland Trust started planting Spud Wood in 1998 on what was previously a potato field. It was named by children at Oughtrington Primary School after

a competition.

Now maturing, the 42-acre wood has two kilometers of footpath and a variety of native trees.

According to the Trust, it is alive with squirrels and birds and is an ideal spot for walking and picnics.









LYMM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The Village Hall is beginning to open for its normal range of activities, however those making bookings are expected to remain responsible for ensuring that activities are as Covid-safe as appropriate.

After the disappointment of losing Transport Day the village returned largely to normal for the postponed May Queen Event which was blessed with good weather, large crowds throughout Lymm and a great day on the May Queen Field. The Parish Council is grateful to Cllr Kath Buckley and her Committee for all their work to bring the event back.

There are several more dates to add to your diary too.

A Community Safety Event will take place in the village hall on Saturday November 13th from 11-2pm. Come and meet some of our canine friends that work with Cheshire Constabulary, your Lymm fire station crew, Cheshire Wildlife Trust team to help you keep wildlife safe this winter and many more. Keep an eye out on social media and in the press for more details.

The Parish Council now has full responsibility for the traditional Remembrance Sunday event. It is hoped that the usual parade of youth and other organisations will be held on Sunday 14th November and that the march to St Mary's will follow the usual route if a safe road closure can be arranged.

We are also planning for a return of Carols around the Cross on Christmas Eve. Last year's Carols were held virtually with the help of Lymm Radio. We hope that this year's event will be the traditional gathering in the village centre at 7.00 pm on Christmas Eve but will also include a virtual element with Lymm Radio broadcasting the event so those unable to come in person can take part at home.

Warrington's Local Plan is currently being consulted on. This is the plan for how the town will develop over the period 2021 – 2038. Exhibitions of the plan, with officers on hand to answer questions and take comments, are being organised by Warrington Borough Council at the Halliwell Jones Stadium, and there will also be a local display in the Village Hall on 30th October and 7th November. See our website for the times.

In addition to Warrington's Local Plan, a Neighbourhood Plan for Lymm is being worked on which will add detail to the Warrington Plan and will deal with local issues in the village.

Because this must be compatible with any plan that Warrington adopts, it will not be completed until after the Local Plan is adopted. There will be opportunities to comment on the Lymm proposals and the Neighbourhood Plan will need to be voted for to be adopted.

If there is anything that you would like the Parish Council to consider please contact Kerry Duffin, our clerk, on the contact details below.

Cllr Bob Barr. Chairman



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Discover what's on offer at your local college!



As the winter evenings draw in, you may find yourself pondering about 2022, your career and what that might look like.

Perhaps you want to aim for a promotion, but need to improve your management skills? Perhaps you are considering university, a change of direction and would like to study something new to help move towards that change? Or perhaps you would just like to finally learn a new skill?

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Take a look at our website and give our Learner Services Team a call on **01925 494 400**, or attend our Adult Enrolment Evening on the **7**th **December**, **5.00 PM - 8.00 PM** at our Warrington campus.

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Family fun run raises over £35,000 for brain tumour charity in memory of Lymm dad

A FAMILY fun run held in memory of a much-loved Lymm father-of-two Paul Cooper has raised over £35,000 for The Brain Tumour Charity.

Paul was diagnosed with a glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) in

glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) in 2019 and sadly passed away in January aged 47, leaving a wife and two young children.

To remember him, more than 200 of his friends and family took part in the Coops' Barmy Army FUNdraiser at Lymm High School, where Paul was a pupil in the 1980s and 1990s.

Runners dressed as superheroes and in Cooperman outfits to recognise his incredible strength during his battle.

The event involved an optional

The event involved an optional one km, five km or 10km run with medals for each runner and prizes followed by a bbq, bar and DJ with all money raised going to The Paul Cooper Fund in The Brain Tumour Charity.

Vicky Carr, 46, Paul's sister (with Paul, right), said: "We wanted to remember Paul and celebrate his life while trying to help others who suffer at the hands of this cruel disease.

"It's incredible to have raised this amount. I hoped we could harness the love and support that so many people showed to Paul throughout his life into something positive following his death and this has

really blown me away.
"I feel very emotional knowing now much people cared for Paul and the money raised can hopefully help others in the future suffering from GBM.

"Paul would have been incredibly touched and honoured that so many people supported this event in his memory. He would have been absolutely over the moon.

"He would have loved the event too – he was incredibly sociable, loved running and dance music so it would have been right up his street!"

Paul grew up in Lymm, worked as an Associate Partner in the tax team at Ernst & Young and was married to Emma and has two daughters now aged four and seven.

He had many friends in Lymm and Warrington, many of whom rallied to help organise the event which was also supported by a number of local businesses including The Coffee House Lymm who denated cakes Coop Heatley. who donated cakes, Co-op Heatley Mere and Lymm who supplied the water stations, and Fretus Group Ltd

who provided First Aid support.

It meant every penny raised was able to go to The Paul Cooper Fund, set up in The Brain Tumour Charity,

people who suffer from GBM.

Vicky explained: "Only between one and three per cent of the Government's national cancer spend has gone towards brain tumours despite them being the biggest cancer killer of children and

adults under 40.

"Only 25 per cent of GBM sufferers survive more than one year and only five per cent of GBM sufferers survive more than five years and there's been no meaningful advances in treatment

for over 40 years.
"More has to be done and 100 per cent of monies raised by The Paul Cooper Fund will fund vital research into GBM and hopefully improve the outcomes for GBM sufferers.

"We're looking to fundraise throughout the year and this can be done by anyone – whether it's washing cars, climbing Mount Everest or simply making a donation every penny makes a difference.

To show your support, visit The Paul Cooper Fund webpage and donate at www.thebraintumourcharity.org/ get-involved/our-supporter-groups/ supporter-groups/groups/the-paul-cooper-fund/





Live events are back with a flying start at Lymm Festival

LIVE entertainment from Lymm Festival is back – and is being met with enthusiasm from the local community.

Off to a flying start was "An Evening with Eddie the Eagle" at Lymm High School. The audience was treated to a great evening with Michael (Eddie the Eagle) Edwards giving a fascinating and entertaining talk about his unusual career change from a plasterer to a ski jumper at the Calgary Olympics in 1988. After the break, there was a Q&A session hosted by Lymm's popular Father Michael Burgess, so this was always going to be full of laughs as well as insight.

The upcoming Festival Comedy Night at Lymm Rugby Club in early November has been sold out for several weeks. With a line up

of top stand-up comedians, this is always a popular event and is certain to be back next summer.

The Festival Committee has now announced that the summer Festival in 2022 will be from 23rd June to 3rd July and work is in hand already to prepare a full programme onće again, so keep the date now.

In the meantime, there will be more events in the early part of next year so keep an eye on the website at www.lymmfestival.org.uk or follow @LymmFestival on Facebook and Twitter for details as they are



MP again urges ministers to scrap HS2 Golborne spur

WARRINGTON South MP Andy Carter has again re-iterated his calls to scrap the HS2 Golborne spur during a Parliamentary debate

spur during a Parliamentary debate on HS2.
The future of the controversial HS2 spur still hangs in the balance and would have a devastating impact on areas to the east of Warrington at Hollins Green and Culcheth and at Agden near Lymm.
The long-awaited Integrated Rail Plan, due in the coming months is likely to include recommendations of Ministers, whilst making other

to Ministers, whilst making other key phasing and investment decisions on the HS2 and Northern

Powerhouse Rail routes.

In a recent Westminster Hall debate, Mr Carter reemphasised the importance of scrapping the link to HS2 Minister Andrew Stephenson, commenting: "I look forward to the integrated rail plan, which I am keen to see, with recommendations to scrap the Golborne spur leg, which impacts my constituency.
"It is a £2 billion line that basically

goes nowhere. It brings all the pain

WORK is set to start on a flood risk

managaement scheme with the aim

of preventing further flooding at

Following a successful funding bid to the Environment Agency,

Warrington Borough Council aims to carry a flood risk management scheme at Reddish Lane, Lymm, which was due to start on Monday

October 18.

and no gain to Warrington, so I ask him to prioritise scrapping it. He added: "Last year

Transport Secretary hinted that writing was on the wall for the Golborne spur. I've been lobbying ever since to ensure that remains the case and we can prioritise other connections such as Northern Powerhouse Rail from Liverpool to Manchester via Warrington Bank

"I've always been clear with my constituents that we need to bring modern infrastructure to Warrington in order to improve connectivity and create jobs, but the Golborne link does neither of those things. It costs in excess of £2bn, was originally intended to act as a route to rolling stock sheds and is creating misery for those families who live nearby and who will be blighted by the unnecessary development.

"As we await the outcome of the Integrated Rail Plan, I will continue to work with colleagues in Parliament and local Councillors to ensure it is taken off the table.

Leader of the Conservative Opposition Group, Lymm-based Councillor Kath Buckley added: "We know that scrapping the HS2 Golborne Spur will tree up around Colborne Spur will tree up around £2bn which can be invested in better rail links which would benefit people living and working in Warrington, we are making that case very strongly to Ministers through our MP. "Northern Powerhouse Rail

will better serve local people who have to travel to Manchester, Leeds and beyond where the alternative method of travelling is likely to be using road links which are heavily congested. All of my Conservative Councillors along the route in Hollins Green and Culcheth are opposed to the proposed route and stand firmly together in calling for it to be scrapped."



Flood defence work set to start

The works are designed to reduce flood risk to residential properties and consist of:

- Culverting of existing open watercourse and construction of Culverting of headwall.
- Installation of sheet piled flood defence wall.
- Installation of surface water

• Installation of surface water drainage system.

The contractor for this scheme will be Dowhigh Ltd. and works are scheduled to commence week commencing 18th October and will take place Monday to Friday between 08:30 and 17:30. They aim to complete the majority of the work prior to Christmas work prior to Christmas.

But this is weather dependent and the contractor may be required to return in January to complete minor

associated works. Cllr Graham Gowland commented: "It's great news that hopefully Reddish Lane and Heatley will be protected from future flooding. "The Council has done a great job

pulling together funding to address

the issues, and work will be in place before the worst of the Winter.

"The response I've had from residents is that of huge relief, and for residents is man or ruge relief, and for many people it means they can start to plan again what they are going to do with their homes - I know sales have been held up, renovation work paused, and even garden projects delayed while waiting to find out what will happen.

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"It's a great result for the village."
Cllr. Kath Buckley added: "I am
pleased to say that the officers at
Warrington Council have confirmed
that the flood risk management

scheme will be starting soon.

"This will be a great relief to the residents with whom I have been working with since 2019."

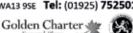
Earlier this year she called for an urgent meeting with the Environment Agency following damage to the flood defences along the River Bollin.

She said at the time: "The awful flooding of Bodding to 2010.

flooding of Reddish Lane in 2019 was supposed to be a once in a hundred-year event. However, as residents of Lymm are aware flooding again took place which had a devastating impact."







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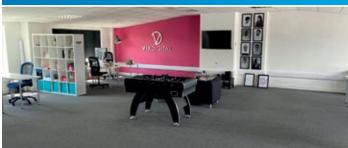
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